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Curlers need bigger house

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

For most curlers, a love of the sport is matched by a love of getting together afterwards to rehash the game and socialize.

At the Haliburton Curling Club, this combination of passions has been both its biggest drawing card and, more recently, its biggest challenge.

When the club hosts large bonspiels it's literally standing room only in the clubroom that overlooks the four rinks. There's simply not enough room to host everyone.

So, just as curling has grown in popularity over the past few years, the club now has to grow.

On Saturday afternoon, president Chester Howse unveiled the plans for a 2,800 sq. ft., two-storey expansion. He also joked that club members should have their chequebooks handy. The new addition will cost $400,000.

"We have no choice; we have to expand," Howse told the roughly 60 club members present. "We'll have to do some work and raise some money but I know we can do it."

The club got a big boost from Dysart et al when Reeve Murray Fearrey announced the municipality was kickstarting the campaign with a $100,000 donation.

"Haliburton is growing and it's going to be the greatest place to live in Ontario," Fearrey said. "I want to thank you for being part of this.... It's part of seeing this community grow."

The money will come from Dysart's parks and recreation fund. This is money the munici-

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Christmas cuppa

Local Bed and Breakfasts opened their doors on the weekend to share the Christmas spirit and raise money for the local food banks. Visitors were treated to tours of fancifully decorated homes and lots of goodies. Pam Smith's kitchen is appropriately festooned with teacups as she invites Peter Brogden to enjoy a cup of cider. More photos on pages 10 and 11.

Local women missing out on cancer screening

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Not enough women in Haliburton County and its neighbouring municipalities are getting mammograms.

In fact, only half the women in this region aged 50 to 74 are getting screened for breast cancer, a percentage that does not nearly approach what health experts feel is an ideal target.

"We would like to see 100 per cent of women 50 to 74 getting routine mammography," says Anne Marie Holt, an epidemiologist at the Port Hope office of the HKPR District Health Unit. "The reason for that is that mammography is an effective screening tool for early detection of cancer, which in turn translates into earlier treatment and better outcomes."

The information was detailed in a recent health unit report that discussed cancers occurring in the area served by the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The findings were first presented at a board of health meeting in November.

The HKPR percentage is only slightly worse than the provincial average (where 56 per cent of women in that age group get mammograms) but the statistic undoubtedly leaves room for improvement. The low breast-screening rate is due in part to that fact that the HKPR district has very few sites with the Ontario Breast Screening Program, a clinic where women are able to book a mammogram as opposed to getting doctor approval. (The closest one to Haliburton County is in

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Alone this Christmas dinner? Church says you don't need to be

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news and events worth noting

If you are going to be alone this Christmas, Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton invites you to join them in A Mission of Love. On December 25, people are invited to join them for eggnog and carols starting at 4 p.m. followed by a delicious and free turkey dinner starting at 5 p.m.. The church asks you to let them know if you will be coming by December 15. Call Judy McKay at 286-3137 or the church at 457-2851.

Dr. Brent Wootton, who is overseeing the creation of a constructed wetland at the Haliburton fish hatchery, was recently flown to Nunavut to share his knowledge on this innovative and environmentally friendly way of dealing with wastewater. He is the the project associate at the Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment at Fleming College's Lindsay campus. He praises the centre's development of community-based, environmental technology-driven projects "that truly value connections and collaborative relationships." The presentation was at the Northern Territories Water and Wastewater Association conference in Rankin Inlet.

The beauty of Handel's *Messiah* comes to life on Monday, Dec. 12 and Tuesday, Dec. 13 when the Peterborough Singers present this perennial Christmas favourite at George St. United Church in Peterborough. Directed by Sydney Birrell, the performance features soprano Monica Huisman, alto Marianne Bindig, tenor Mark DuBois, bass Fr. Paul Massel, trumpeter Paul Otway and organist Ian Sadler. Tickets are $22 for adults and $11 for students. Call 705-745-1820 for details.

Illegally killing a cow moose costs hunters $7,000

Killing a cow moose illegally has cost two hunters $7,000 in fines.

Paul Capicotto, 34, of Mississauga, and Fiorenzo Iantorno, 51, of Etobicoke, were fined $3,500 each for illegally transferring a licence, hunting without a licence, and possessing illegally taken wildlife. The moose was forfeited to the Crown.

Court heard that on October 18, 2005, Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft district conservation officers spoke to the men about 25 kilometres north of Haliburton. The conservation officers found the two hunters with a moose that was not tagged.

Justice of the Peace J. Wiley heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden on December 1, 2005.

The public and hunters alike are reminded that the Ministry of Natural Resources manages Ontario's big game populations, including moose, for the benefit of present and future generations. Poaching lowers the chance for hunters to draw tags and can harm the chances of seeing animals like moose during outdoor activities such as hiking and canoeing.

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OPP builds new office in Minden

BRYN WEESE
Staff Reporter

The building that will soon house the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment is well underway. On Tuesday November 29, the official launch of the new facility was held in the current OPP building on Highway 35 with all the pomp and ceremony that a new OPP building deserves.

The future home of the Haliburton Highlands OPP office is located at 12598 Highway 35 in Minden, across from Tim Hortons. It is scheduled to be open and in use by May of 2006. Despite controversy when the location was first announced, those in attendance were happy to officially launch the construction.

Monte Kwinter, the provincial community safety and correctional services minister, was on hand to congratulate the efforts of the Haliburton Highlands OPP as well as those in the community who have made the new facility a reality.

"I'm pleased this project will meet the operational needs of OPP members serving the Halibuton Highlands community," he said. "This government is committed to providing police with the tools to help ensure community safety."

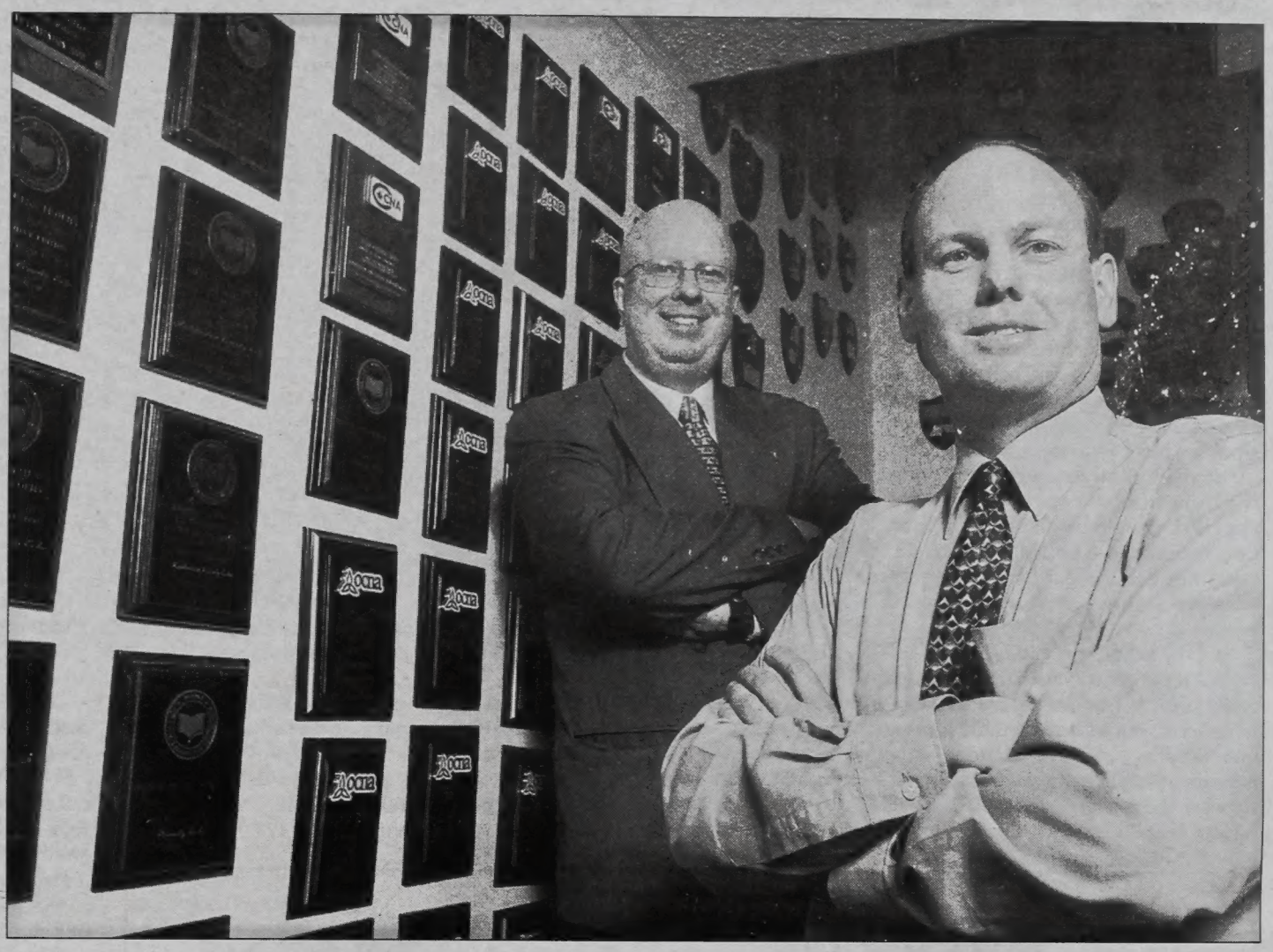
Also present at the official launch party were OPP Commissioner Gwen Boniface, county Warden Jim McMahon, and county councillors Eleanor Harrison and Tom Gardner.

The new building, at 10,135 square feet of usable space, will be three times the size of the current 3,100 square-foot facility. It should be open by May 2006.

With three holding cells, improved access for the disabled, a prisoner processing area, proper breath and fingerprint rooms, a detachment briefing room and change rooms for staff, the new facility is being warmly welcomed by both county council and the OPP.

"The new office will assist the detachment in providing an efficient and effective police presence in the community," said Nick Baranik, the interim detachment commander for the Haliburton Highlands OPP. He is replacing Bob Walli, who is now the Lindsay OPP's detachment commander.

Monte Kwinter, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, stands with OPP Commissioner Gwen Boniface beside the architectural drawings of the new home of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment across from the Tim Hortons.


DARREN LUM/Echo
In the wake of long-time publisher Len Pizzey's retirement last week, Osprey Media Group has appointed Don Smith as group publisher and David Zilstra as general manager and advertising director for the *Haliburton County Echo, the Minden Times* and *Bancroft This Week.*

Echo welcomes new publisher and general manager

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Producing a newspaper every week is a bit like producing a play, says the new general manager of the *Haliburton County Echo, Minden Times* and *Bancroft This Week.*

"You start with an idea, you produce it and then it goes out to the people," says David Zilstra, who has plenty of experience in both modes of communication. "The exciting part is putting it together."

Zilstra started work on Thursday, a day after the *Echo's* long-time publisher, Len Pizzey, retired. He was joined by Don Smith, Osprey's new group publisher for the three regional papers.

Zilstra will also be the advertising director for the three papers.

However, Zilstra hasn't had much time to settle in yet. Back in Napanee, where he was the advertising manager of the *Napanee Guide*, also an Osprey publication, Zilstra had another role to fill. He was co-producer and one of the performers in a traditional British pantomime.

He hopes to indulge his love of theatre once he moves to the Highlands. But he'll have to fit that in with his other interests: cycling (he has three types of bikes), downhill skiing and being an active member of the community.

> *"We want to be a great part of the community and reflect what's going on*
> **DAVID ZILSTRA**

Smith will continue to be based out of Muskoka, where he has very deep roots in the newspaper world. At age 19, he began his career as a reporter with the *Bracebridge Herald-Gazette* and went on to own several publications, including *Muskoka Magazine* and *North Country Business.*

"With a couple of notable exceptions, I've enjoyed going to work every day because every day is new people and new challenges," Smith says. "I get satisfaction out of being able to help people understand their community better and I enjoy being part of delivering the community's message. I've seen how a newspaper can help build a community."

"We want to be a great part of the community and reflect what's going on," says Zilstra.

The two men want to build on the papers' success by adding their own expertise and enthusiasm.

"They're award-winning newspapers that are well respected in the company and the market and we want to continue that trend while looking at new opportunities. And have some fun," says Zilstra.

"I intend to get heavily involved with the community," he adds.

Zilstra grew up in Whitby and moved to Napanee in 1989 to start work with the *Guide.* After 16 years with the publication, he was ready for a new challenge and jumped at the chance to become general manager in the Highlands.

Sober drivers can win a prize during RIDE checks

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment began their festive RIDE program on November 25. The campaign runs until January 2, 2006.

This year officers will be giving out ballots to drivers who have chosen not to drink and drive. The drivers simply fill out the ballot and drop it off at one of the participating businesses.

Every Friday, starting December 2, between 9 and 11 a.m. a lucky winner will be chosen to win a prize. The draws will take place live on Canoe FM 100.9 . There will be six weekly prizes and one grand prize draw.

The detachment would like to thank the following community partners: Robinson's General Store, Dollo's IGA, Easton's ValuMart, Todd's Independent, Haliburton IGA and Wilberforce IGA.

Drinking and driving is a dangerous mix that can lead to deadly consequences. This festive season, be responsible and don't drink and drive.

It's not just cottagers who take a hit from MPAC

Assessment on Haliburton home goes up 83 per cent

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

When Keith Foster opened his notice from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation he was not a happy man. Foster, who lives in Haliburton in a modest 660 square foot home, couldn't believe that his property value went up 83 per cent.

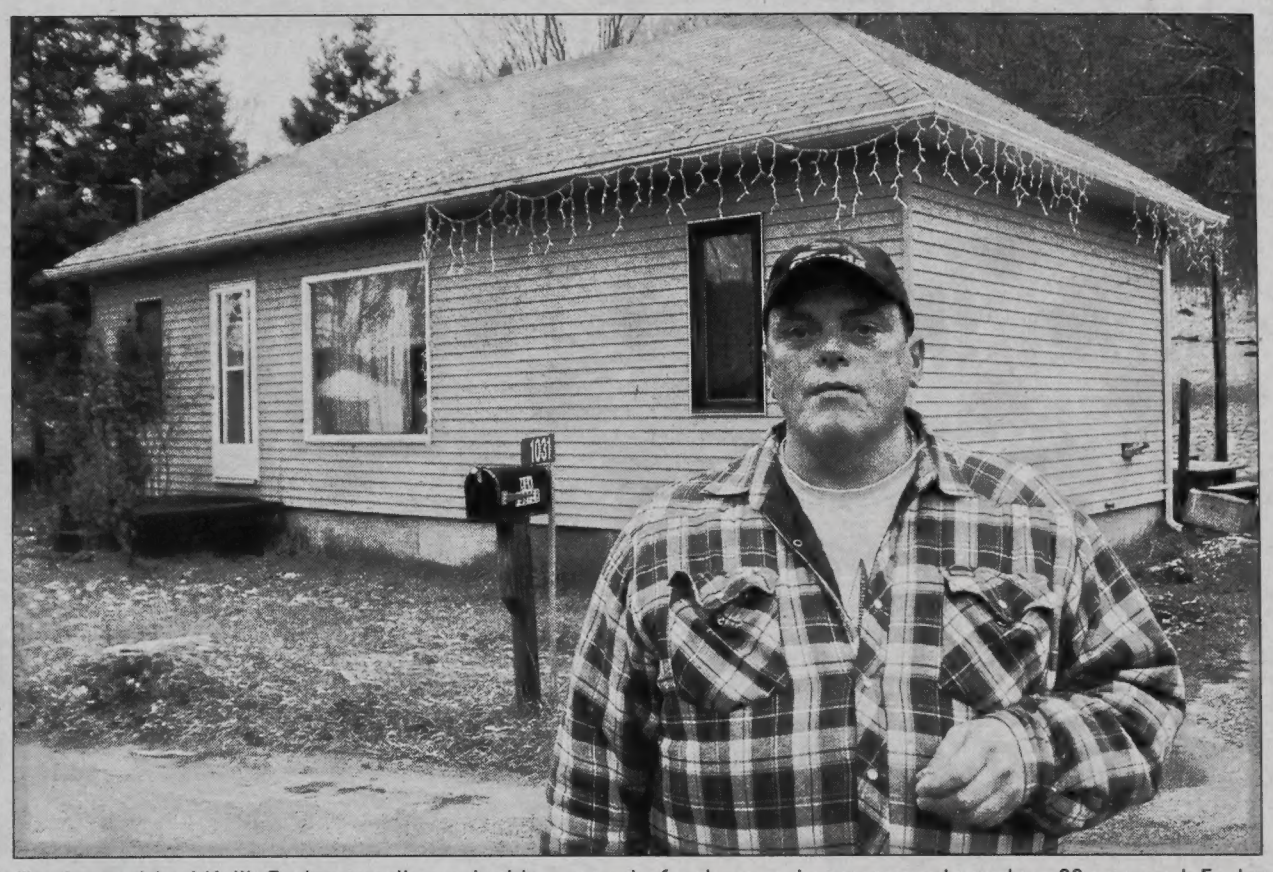
With all the attention given to rising waterfront properties, which in Dysart et al shot up 35 to 41 per cent, Foster was all the more surprised. His half-acre property, which sits on Meadowview Road off County Road 1, has an unspectacular front view of a street while his backyard retreats onto a hill.

Foster is flabbergasted because his 83 per cent increase is much higher than the non-waterfront average increase in Dysart et al of 27 per cent, especially since his place has not been upgraded.

The road allowance veers only a few feet away from the front of his house and he is not on the township sewers. It should be noted that Foster is in a better position than some who fear the impact on their property taxes because he paid his mortgage off almost three years ago. However, for Foster, it isn't all about the money.

"It's the whole principle behind it," says Foster, who works for a road construction company. "Whether we could afford it or not we'd still have to find the money whether I was making a mortgage payment or not. It's not like I'm sitting on a money-making opportunity here that I could sell today and make a fistful of money to cover things."

Last year, Foster's property value was estimated at $41,000. He thinks it went up to about $75,000 this year because of the sales comparison approach used by MPAC, which may have noted higher sales rates with nearby homes. But as Foster points out, the two houses next to his are somewhat more desirable, from a market point of view, than the one he inhabits.



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Haliburton resident Keith Foster questions why his non-waterfront property assessment went up 83 per cent. Foster thinks the MPAC system of property assessment is flawed.

"This is just ridiculous," says Foster. "The whole assessment process has been a bunch of BS. These people do not know what's going on north of 401."

Foster will be filing a complaint with MPAC's internal review process, a system set up for people who feel they would not be able to get their assessed value in the open market. But Foster wants MPAC to take its service a step further and develop a more precise method of assessment because too many people like him get lost in a statistics shuffle.

"They obviously haven't got out to look at anybody's property, or even done little spot checks on it," says Foster, who adds that he would feel fine if his property had risen in value more closely to the municipal average. "If they had actually come out to see what a person has, it would be a lot better. Half our property is unusable due to the hill."

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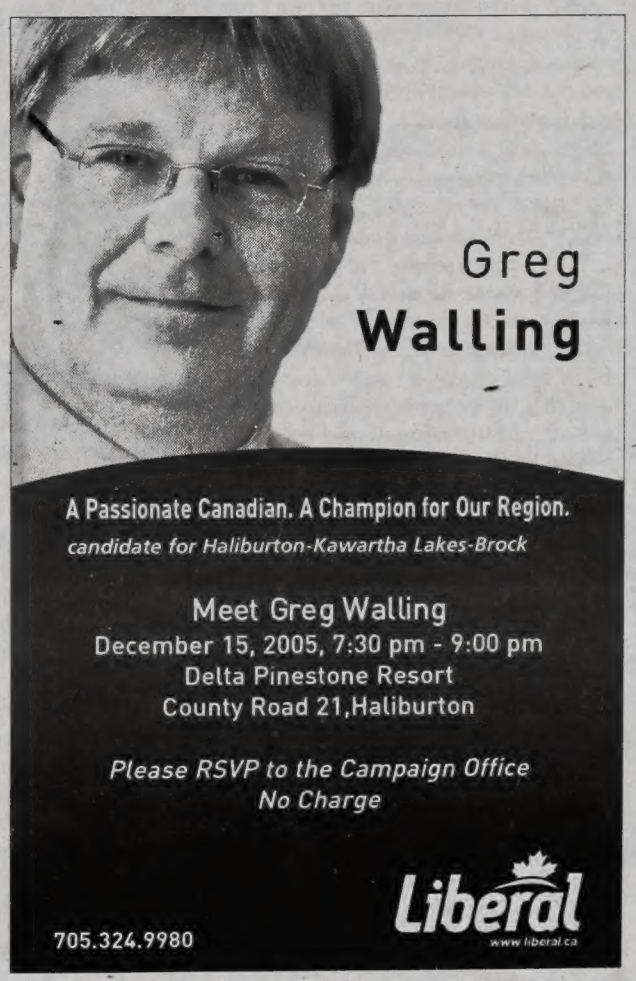

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CWY says goodbye

Both the community and participants benefited from three-month stay

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo

As part of a farewell party at the Haliburton Legion last week, the Kenyan participants of the Canada World Youth danced for the crowd. The 18 young people flew to Kenya on Sunday.

Funny how time flies. The 18 participants in the Canada World Youth program, hosted by Haliburton for the past 10 weeks, flew out yesterday to continue the second leg of their journey in Africa.

For the past 10 weeks, both young Canadians and Kenyans involved themselves in this community and shared aspects of their cultures. Mike Boylan, the program's project supervisor, says they couldn't have asked for a better host.

"I can't say enough about the amount of support this community has given us," says Boylan, who tried to run the same program here last year but ran into unexpected visa trouble with the Kenyans. "I think we've really been lucky to find ourselves in Haliburton. The families have really taken a wholehearted interest in the program. As well, just the size and beauty of this place was great."

CWY celebrated the end of its trip with a farewell party held at the Haliburton Legion last Thursday night that featured authentic Kenyan dancing and cuisine. It was a chance for community participants, host families, and work sponsors to thank each other for the experience.

Rick Cazabon, who hosted two participants with his wife Val Jarvis, suggests that the experience for a host family is one that requires commitment but is reward in the end.

"Overall it was a great experience," say Cazabon.

CWY participants logged in about 6,000 hours of community service in the county, helping out with schools and social support agencies such as Community Living. This particular exchange program was labelled the Eco-Leadership program and hence had a strong environmental focus.

CWY participants pursued environmental opportunities with places such as Haliburton Forest and helped with the Haliburton-Muskoka Water Festival in September, a successful educational experience for young children that discussed water as a precious resource.

Micheline Roy, principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School, says her two CWY participants proved to be valuable assets at the school.

The participants, who worked at Stuart Baker every week Tuesday to Thursday were so popular that students gave cards of appreciation upon their departure.

One was a Quebecker who helped out with the French portion of the curriculum and introduced students to French-Canadian culture while the African participant taught students about her background in Kenya. Both students also helped out with the school's healthy snack program.

"The staff really liked them so they worked out really well here," says Roy.

The visiting Kenyans were from Il Ngwesi, a Maasai community of about 6,000 who reside on a protected 6,500-acre plain. The Maasai are a nomadic people who have lived essentially the same way for thousands of years.

One of the interesting things about the cultural exchange is that it wasn't just a two-way affair between Canadians and Kenyans. Bryce Meldrum, 23, a participant from Medicine Hat, Alberta, says he was struck by the cultural difference between his home and Haliburton – especially in the area of environmentalism.

"There was a huge difference," says Meldrum. "Just the concern people have for the environment here is way more than where I come from."

Boylan and the rest of the Canadian participants will stay in Kenya until the end of February. Boylan hopes the experience leaves with both Haliburton and the CWY group an understanding that people are people despite political and geographical boundaries. He sums it up like this:

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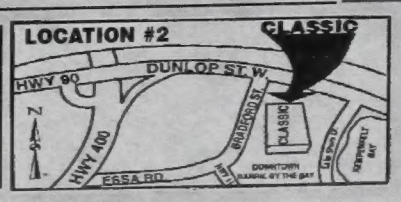

Stay on the message

IT'S HARD TO AVOID the message: If you eat right, exercise and quit smoking then you have a far better chance of not getting ill. We all know what we should be doing to stay healthy but, at this time of year particularly, it's hard to stay "on message."

echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

In Haliburton County, we really do have few excuses for not leading healthier lifestyles. There are so many local groups dedicated to the goal of keeping us all out of the hospital. The health unit in particular has made a huge shift towards preventative medicine by investing in local initiatives such as Health for Life and the Community in Action committee. Dieticians lead tours of grocery stores so people learn how to read the small print on all those lists of ingredients and make the right choices. Health nurses offer advice and help to those who want to quit smoking.

And look outside. We have short walking trails courtesy of Dysart et al and long walking trails courtesy of Trails and Tours. Local businesses sponsor free skating at the arena. There's a wonderful free toboggan hill next to the museum. Memberships for cross country skiing and downhill skiing are kept in an affordable price range. This county is working hard to get us to enjoy the outdoors.

But the stay healthy message is one we have to hear often. As this week's story about local cancer rates indicates, too many of us will die from this dreadful disease. Not all cancers can be prevented, but some of us can, and if it takes the health unit constantly reminding us why and how we should be taking more responsibility for our health, then keep at it until we actually start to listen.

Gift ideas

We all say that Christmas is about peace on earth and goodwill towards others. And then we start getting caught up in the Christmas rush. It's hard to resist the urge to shop and spend our way through the darkest days of winter.

Not that presents aren't appreciated, but Christmas is one of the reasons why re-gifting was invented. Don't like the present you got? Wrap it up for someone else.

One of the things to consider is a different kind of gift. Why not make a donation to the 4Cs in someone's honour? Know an outdoor enthusiast? Buy them a kilometre of trail from Trails and Tours.

By making charitable donations you honour the season's spirit of generosity and yet avoid the trap of buying things that the recipients really don't want or need. You also fill a real community need. For instance, for the first time in its proud history, the 4Cs has had to ask for help. Not only will it provide Christmas hampers for dozens of local families but it also must continue to raise its share of money to pay for its beautiful new building. (Talk about the spirit of generosity; the building was constructed by Fleming College's sustainable development students. Not only did they have to pay tuition to take the course, but then they also volunteered their time to build the building!)

Buy gifts for those who need them. Make donations for those who don't. You'll avoid that post-Christmas feeling of over-indulgence.

Singing for the B&B tour *Photo by* MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Politics and the outdoorsman

the not so great **outdoorsman** *steve galea*

NOW THAT WE'RE GOING to be forced to exercise our liberties, in this case, the vote, I think it's only fitting that we outdoors enthusiasts discuss our role in this great democracy.

This is particularly important this year, since we will probably decide who forms the next government. Few other citizens of this country, after all, own the snowshoes, ATVs or snowmobiles that will be required to get to the polls.

If this is the case, as I suspect it might be, we'll have a very different Canada when all is said and done.

First, look out for a few new national holidays like The Duck Opener, The Deer Opener, and Trout Day. Accompanying those, I hope, will be yet a second Remembrance Day, this one far less important or solemn. In it, all anglers and hunters will be asked to take the time to stop and remember the real stories behind the tales they've been telling. Believe me, at 11 o'clock on that day, there will be no silence. But for those outdoorsmen and their families, it will be cathartic.

Savvy politicians, of course, will recognize the powerful influence of outdoors people during this election and therefore begin courting us for our votes.

With this in mind, instead of distributing party signs they might be better off placing their logos on things like lures, fishing rods and nets. I'd gladly place a sign on my front lawn if, say, it was painted on the side of a Kevlar canoe or 4-stroke outboard.

Currently, the central issue to us outdoors types is the federal gun registry. Now, I'm not saying that we should scrap it; no, but I do think we could make it more useful. Instead of registering the guns we have, why not use it to register the guns we need? Sort of like what a bride does when she registers for gifts. Say some nice person wanted to buy me a gun. Instead of asking me and then risking getting caught up in an awkward lecture about ballistics, calibers, actions, stock material, and sights, they could just consult the registry and see that among the guns I need is a Ruger #1 in .243 or, if that does not seem extravagant enough, an M1 Abrahms main battle tank. It'd make life easier on us all.

Suddenly, the one billion dollars wasted on the current registry would seem well spent.

Another suggestion that might get a few outdoors votes is a campaign promise to reclaim a few malls and turn them into wetlands once again. If you ask me, that'd only be fair.

And each time a criminal goes to prison for a gun-related offence he or she should be forced to enroll, attend, and pay for, the firearms safety course. This should happen continually for the duration of the sentence. Additionally, once a week he or she should be forced to phone the Federal Firearms Centre to get the answer to a simple question. Yes, it's cruel, but in the end, he'd be truly sorry for ever messing with those things.

While we're on the subject of being tough on crime, why can't we get convicts to tie flies instead of fabricate licence plates. I'm not talking about the easy flies that anyone can tie either. No, I'd like to see them produce Adams, Stimulators, or Elk Hair Caddis in size 18s or smaller. Now that's hard time. And it'd give the federal correctional service a much-needed motto too: "Time, flies."

As Election Day approaches, I'm sure we'll think of more great ideas. And I can hardly wait to exercise my democratic right. I just hope they're smart enough to place a polling booth beside my ice hut.

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The tree

down our **road**

sharon lynch

WHEN AGATHA ARRIVED on her mother's doorstep, Christmas was the last thing on her mind. Instead, she proceeded to grit her teeth and purposefully tackle one day at a time as a newly single parent. Her mother was terrific. In addition to providing a safe haven for Agatha and the three grandchildren, she offered a listening ear and open heart.

Once the children were settled into new schools, the fact of a quickly approaching December 25th put Agatha into a bit of a tailspin. She had very little money and her mother, while generous with her house and time, was on a small pension. Fortunately Agatha was able to land a few weeks of part time work in her uncle's flower shop and this became the Christmas fund for all five of them. From that Agatha was able to buy presents and had just enough left over for a tree.

On Saturday morning she set out with the two oldest girls in search of the perfect one. As a child, Agatha had accompanied her father through the same places: parking lots strung with wobbly lights and snow fencing, thickly packed with precariously leaning evergreens. In those days, trees were not wrapped or tied in any way and today's uniformity did not exist. Instead, it was possible to find trees that looked totally wild, as though just felled the day before in some deep and quiet forest.

She remembered how her father used to spy a tree, pull it away from the others, give it a shake and then hold it upright with one gloved hand, leaning away from it as far as possible for an appraising look. Agatha's job was always to go around to the other side of the tree and look for bare spots or deformities.

They always had scotch pines and, while she loved the smell of them in the house, she never really cared for the way the decorations hung, all cramped and crowded on the bushy boughs. This year she was determined to make her own mark by selecting a spruce tree.

When she walked through the front door with a fine spruce specimen, her mother's expression was one of surprise and some trepidation. But before she could say a word, Agatha stated she had always wanted a spruce and wasn't it a fine tree. Just to drive home the fact of her newly-won self-assurance, she added that she wanted to try placing the tree not in the usual spot on the floor by the window, but on top of a walnut table where it could stretch to the ceiling and greet everyone entering the room.

Agatha had her eldest hold the tree while she placed it in the stand and then the two of them carefully got it up on the table. Using a step ladder she strung the lights and then added the rest of her mother's decorations. The children were able to reach the bottom portion of the tree while Agatha climbed to place the higher ones. She felt a sentimental tug as she handled the old baubles and tinsel of her childhood.

By now it was getting dark. Agatha's mother had made hot chocolate and they all sat in the darkened living room sipping it and admiring the beautiful Christmas tree, its lights sparkling off the decorations, casting a festive glow to their faces.

As the days passed, Agatha never missed an opportunity to look at the tree. Being at the entrance to the living room and near both the foot of the stairs and the front door, no one going up to the bedrooms or entering the house could avoid it.

To be honest, it felt a little odd even to Agatha to see the tree in this new and different spot but it reinforced that life was now different for them all and change was sometimes a good thing. The smell of spruce filled the house.

After about a week, Agatha was surprised to notice what looked like a hint of brown on some of the tree's needles. She silently berated herself for not keeping the tree stand full of water and went to fetch some. But the stand was full and so she decided it must be the heat of her mother's overly warm house that was hard on the tree.

Having had an artificial tree for so long, Agatha had forgotten how real trees drop their needles. Now it seemed every time she looked, there were more on the table top and she scooped them up in the dust pan several times a day.

If it hadn't been for a conversation with her uncle, the flower shop owner, the mystery would not have been solved. He asked her where she had found the saw to cut the tree.

Cut the tree? What did he mean? When he explained the need to cut the bottom of the tree so it could draw up water, her heart sank. She had never seen her father do that and so had not done it herself. Devastated, she tearfully told her mother of the oversight. Convinced the tree would not be intact for Christmas day, she didn't know what to do. It was in too fragile a state to do over and there was not the money for another one.

Her mother simply patted her hand and told her not to worry; the tree would be fine as long as they did not touch it. And she was right. The uncle never said a word and everyone who saw the tree over the holidays simply admired the imaginative new spot for it. Thankfully it was high enough to be out of easy reach. On Boxing Day, Agatha used Christmas money from her uncle and went out and bought a lovely artificial tree.

A spruce.

pic *of the* **past**

Haliburton has always had a can-do attitude when it comes to providing recreational opportunities. In this photo, local men volunteer their time to cut trees with which to build the first culring club in the late 1940s. It had natural ice and no indoor washroom facilities. That building was later replaced and the new rink is now too small. The club has just launched a $400,000 expansion campaign and judging from past results, members will quickly meet their goal.

letters **to the editor**

Gravel pit owner helps neighbours

To The Editor:

Carol Stamp expressed most of our feelings in her letter last week but there are a couple things we would like to add.

First the owner of the property [that Stephen Woof complained about in a previous letter] has graciously given sand to many people for use on icy laneways, which he often sanded for them himself.

His generousity did not stop there. Sand was given for those sand boxes, and for mortar mixing, etc.. Futhermore, the appearance and use of the pit has not changed much in the last several years. Mr. Woof would not know about "disappearing" berry bushes and trees, unless he was trespassing.

Mr. Woof should have more thoroughly investigated property and real estate before purchasing a home on a well travelled county road. Perhaps a better choice for peace and quiet would have been back in the bush somewhere.

The family that owns the gravel pit has its roots here and has always contributed to the well being of the community. There have no other complaints of this nature before Mr Woof. We should all be so lucky to live in this community and be proud of it.

Bill and Nancy Geddis
West Guilford

Complaints are about gravel pit only

To The Editor:

I have to answer the letter from Carol Stamp as it is so full of inaccuracies as to be a sad joke.

Firstly I have never filed a complaint specifically directed at the Stamp family as they do not own the property in question. They may have been using this property, but my complaints have been directed at the family who own the property.

Mrs. Stamp's contention that I have complained about my neighbours work habits is false. I have a neighbour who is a lawyer, one that is a teacher, another is a welder, one is a contractor, one works for the Ministry of Natural Resources and one who inspects and services fire extinguishing equipment. My family has never complained to Dysart about their work habits or anything else for that matter.

I have complained that one family has been using their property as a gravel pit and a logging transfer station. This contravenes the bylaw (21.1 b) of Dysart, and after many complaints the family who owns the lot has been given a fine. So I guess Dysart agrees with me.

I respect hard-working people, as most of us do, but that does not give them the rights to make their living at the expense of others. This is the reason bylaws are enacted, so that people can't just go around starting up gravel pit opera-

See **Bylaws** *page 8*

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

Bylaws are there to be enforced

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tions next door to a family. The lot in question was not being used for anything for the first two years that we lived here, so to say we started complaining right from the get go is false.

The hill with the berry bushes and trees is only 60 meters or so from the road and in plain view for all to see. I can guarantee you that we would not have bought our property if this operation had been going on at the time we were looking for a house to purchase.

This brings me to the point of our property value. I talked with a neighbour of mine about the noise and dust coming from the lot and they said they were so disturbed by it all that they were thinking of selling their home. The only problem was who would buy next to an ongoing gravel pit/logging transfer station and how much money could they realistically hope to get?

Carol Stamp implies that the pit is only used once and a while by her husband and this may be true, but what she fails to point out is her husband is only one of many trucks entering and using the property. In fact the noise starts early in the morning and goes late into the evening. It runs on weekends and through the summer as well as the winter. In fact it only shuts down during the hunting season. There is a surprise!

As to normal truck traffic on the roads causing noise, any vehicle causes noise but I think most people know the difference between the noise a truck makes just driving by and the noise a truck makes gearing up or down. There is also the fact that the amount the truck traffic goes way up when they are coming to drop off logs or fill up with sand. These trucks wouldn't be coming here if the gravel pit were not in operation. I have never complained about the normal flow of traffic in front of my home as it is to be expected.

I never claimed to have approached the owner, only that we had spoken. He asked me what my problem was and I told him.

Mrs. Stamp states that she hopes Dysart is not wasting the taxpayers' money by enforcing the bylaws. I don't think stopping people from breaking the law is a waste of money. If our law enforcement agencies worked on the premise of checking the provincial bank account before laying charges in a robbery this country would be in sad shape indeed.

Lastly Carol Stamp plays the out of town card. I am not from here therefore I should have nothing to say. She also thinks us out of towners want to change their spirit. I grew up in a small Ontario town about the size of Haliburton, not the big city. I know how neighbours treated each other then. Destroying your neighbours' peace and quiet and causing their property values to drop by operating a gravel pit next door is not what we would have called being neighbourly. To suggest that this is the spirit of the residents of West Guilford is insulting to them. The majority of the folks I have met here are very friendly and neighbourly.

Some of the nicest people in Haliburton County were not born here and at some point in time the Stamps were new to this community, too.

Stephen Woof
West Guilford

Hydro needs to remove danger trees before a storm

This letter was sent to the Minister of Energy (The Honourable Donna Cansfield) and a copy to Laurie Scott MPP, addressing constant power outages.

Dear Minister:

Several years ago Hydro One (Ontario Hydro) contracted out work for the removal of danger trees around hydro lines. That process eliminated such trees from falling on hydro lines which would otherwise cause power interruptions and hazardous conditions from downed live wires.

In the previous governments' wisdom this process was eliminated and we are now faced with trees which, over years, have grown and intrude over hydro lines.

When there are wind, snow and/or freezing rain storms these trees or their limbs fall on hydro lines and take with them live hydro wires causing serious hazardous conditions and safety risks to not only the general public but to hydro workers who have to work around such.

In rural Ontario falling trees and limbs on hydro lines has become common occurrences and an inconvenience, to say the least, to the general public at large and business owners.

Has the government ever considered the following costs of repairing such hydro lines and/or transformers since the contracting of removing danger trees was eliminated?

1) If a tree or trees are on fire fire departments must respond.

2) Hydro crews must respond at time and a half.

3) What delays occur from Hydro crews not being able to carry out or complete other projects in the works due to constant calls for their services to repair damages caused by falling trees and/or limbs on hydro lines?

4) Equipment to repair such lines.

5) Public safety is at risk with downed live wires. What is a life worth?

6) Power outages, as we all have seen and know, have a detrimental effect on businesses in the perishable food industry. Their losses are well into the thousands of dollars.

This government should undertake the process of having danger trees removed around hydro lines. I am sure contracting out such work would cost a great deal less than it is costing now and address the problems we see and hear about on a regular basis.

Beverly MacDuff,
Gooderham

Museum is an invaluable resource

To the Editor:

Last weekend, my family was enjoying the early snow in Glebe Park at the ski club annual meeting when my three-year-old Charlotte declared she had to go to the bathroom. I considered my options, and put her on my shoulders and hiked over to the Haliburton Museum.

Museum Director Tom Ballantine was extremely welcoming, and encouraged Charlotte to also play the pipe organ and inspect the stuffed birds during our visit. Tom also told me of the work he had done on the toboggan hill to make it safer and more enjoyable for children this winter, and showed me a brochure encouraging parents to enjoy the warmth of the museum while their kids played in the snow.

I was reminded again of what a valuable resource Haliburton has in this museum and its dedicated staff. Tom Ballantine and Steve Hill are committed to preserving the unique features of our shared past, and making them accessible to the public, but also to helping the community in whatever ways they can, including providing clean warm public washrooms. They also cheerfully sell trail passes for the ski trails in Glebe Park, and for years before the Ski Club had its own club house they hosted the hot chocolate for dozens of children during Jack Rabbit. I only wish they could be open more days of the week!

Appreciatively,
Jennifer Paton
Haliburton

Silver Flutes band appreciates praise

To the Editor:

As an adult member of the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stewart family for their letter in last week's Echo.

We appreciate their praise and encouragement – especially the newer members who first parades included the one the Stewarts watched on T.V. – Toronto Santa Claus Parade. The more seasoned members encourage them along and viewers saw the results yourselves.

It's always nice to be recognized for your efforts and on behalf of the entire band – including Bandmaster Bill Medland – thank you very much for your recognition.

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Kathy, Jenn and Erin Frewing
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County's senior population needs special attention

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Lindsay). The low number of OBSP sites means that the health unit does heavy promotion with doctors, urging them to refer all eligible women for mammograms.

"In our area, we rely very much on physician referral because we have limited access to self-referral clinics," says Holt.

About two thirds of all cancers diagnosed in the HKPR district occur in those aged 60 and older, which is not surprising considering that the risk of cancer typically increases with age. But the impact on an area like Haliburton County, which has a high senior population, means special consideration will have to be given to ensure there are appropriate services and access to care.

"Certainly, I think it is an issue for our whole nation in the sense that people are living longer," says Holt. "Our senior demographic is becoming quite large. We are seeing more cancer diagnosis and the need for more services for those individuals."

More than 16 000 people have been diagnosed with cancer in HKPR district since 1979. The health unit also reported that approximately 5,400 people died from cancer between 1986 and 1999. The two most commonly diagnosed cancers among HKPR males and females, respectively, were prostate and breast cancer.

Lung cancer, another common cancer in the region, had an incidence rate that was higher than the rest on Ontario. This fact is attributed to the area's higher smoking rates. Rates of lung cancer in HKPR district women steadily rose over the last 20 years, which again is a reflection of smoking trends.

Holt says that the cancer rate can be reduced by instituting changes in lifestyle, especially with diet, exercise, and smoking habits. The report found that more than half of residents do not meet the recommended 5 to10 servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Add to that the fact that only 38 per cent of HKPR residents are considered a healthy weight and the prognosis for the future does not bode well – unless lifestyles begin to change.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

As soon as the plans went up for the new two-storey addition on Saturday, club members were eager to see what the expansion will look like. Dysart has chipped in $100,000 and the club must raise another $300,000.

New club will be wheelchair accessible, large enough to hold big bonspiels

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pality gets in lieu of parkland whenever a development is created and it must be spent on recreation.

Dysart just spent $70,000 to make the arena wheelchair accessible as part of its obligations under the new accessibility act. Since Dysart owns the curling club building, it would have had to spend a similar amount to make the club wheelchair accessible. Instead, this will now be part of the renovation project being spearheaded by the club. (The project also includes more club room space, wheelchair accessible washrooms and larger kitchen facilities.)

It also makes good financial sense to support the renovations, Fearrey said, because the expansion will enable the club to host more bonspiels, which will have spinoff effects in the community.

The addition will be built on the front of the existing club, which leads to the question of parking. With the curling club next to the arena, parking is already at a premium on most days.

Fearrey is going to suggest to council that part of the existing ball field in front of the curling club be used for parking. The field is not used in the winter; indeed, it is hardly used in the summer months any more.

MPP Laurie Scott said she was thrilled to hear about the popularity of curling among Haliburton's young people. Twenty-six elementary school curlers gather at the club every Friday night to learn the sport; they are coached by eight high school volunteers. They are among the 21 teenaged curlers who meet regularly for games and practice. The high school also fields its own curling team, which has done very well competitively.

"That seals the future for your curling club," Scott said of the young people's involvement.

As for fundraising, she said, "When the time is right I'm sure we'll be supportive through the Trillium Foundation."

She also praised Dysart for being a progressive municipality.

Haliburton got its own, somewhat primitive, curling club in 1948. It had natural ice and no indoor washrooms. In 1978 it was torn down to make room for the existing building which was built for $309,000.

In 1987, fundraising allowed a new ice plant to be installed and 11 years later the club bought new rocks and an ice scraper. With a $25,000 Trillium Foundation grant, the club was able to cut down on its energy consumption by 25 per cent.

The club now has more than 300 members.

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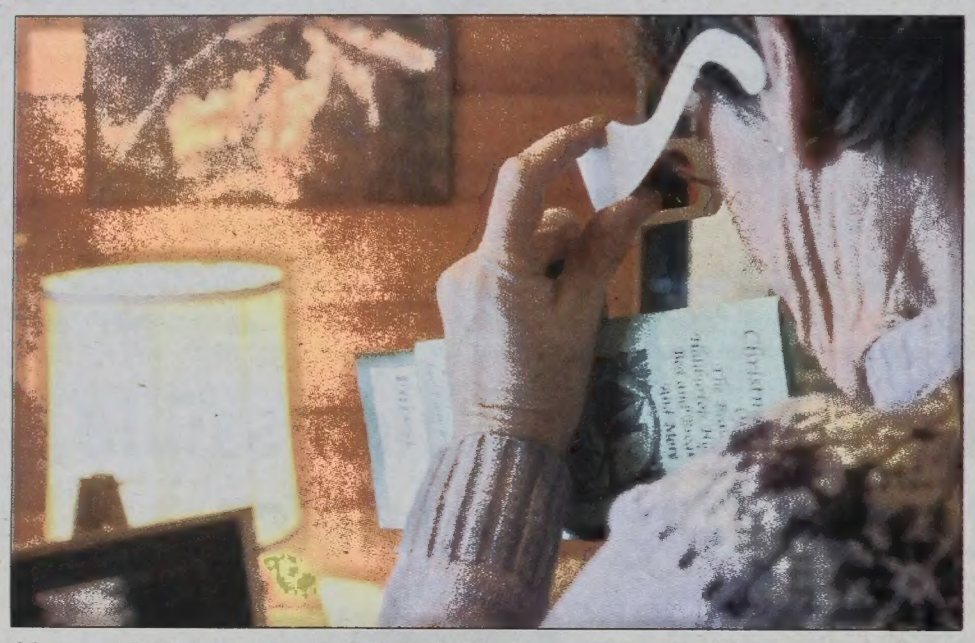

Margaret Brogden looks at Joe Smith's 3D photo at Meadow Wood.

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There was enough snow to blanket the Highlands with the Christmas spirit but not keep participants off the roads.

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This stuffed grandfather had a comfy spot at Country Charm.

The kitchen was a popular spot with people who took a tour of the spacious Lady Esther Day Spa and Bed and Breakfast near West Guilford. Isobel Coles and her daughter Ann Gordon and son-in-law Alan enjoy the plentiful goodies.

Austin and Brooke Porter got a warm welcome from Harley the West Highland White Terrier at Chalet By the Lake B&B on Maple Lake.

The walls at Chalet by the Lake are already a festive red.

Jessie Pflug serves up the cider at Souffer Mill overlooking Halls Lake.

Laine Schmid takes a shot to the back by a Titans defenseman. Schmid scored the first goal in a Haliburton victory 6 – 1. Haliburton is 2 – 0 - 2. Photo, Darren Lum.

Red Hawks' confidence soars

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 6, STA 1

Haliburton rediscovered its winning ways with the domination of the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans at home on Monday, Nov. 28.

When Coach Hilderley saw that the Titans were running a shortened bench (three fewer players on the bench) he used his entire lineup, running four full lines.

"Against that team we tried to do quick shifts. We looked over during the warmup and saw they only had nine players," he said. "With quick shifts we would have fresh legs and would wear them out."

The Titans entered play winless 0 - 3 - 1 while the Red Hawks are now 2 - 0 - 2 in overall play.

With more than 28 minutes of penalties compared to four for the Titans, the Red Hawks coaching staff has told their team that the selfish penalties have to stop. Penalties committed to prevent a goal are acceptable.

"Tough penalties are easy to kill off, but the dumb penalties that some guys took last night are very hard to kill off," he said.

There were some good signs, however. "They're gaining confidence in each other and the system as well - like getting the puck out of the [defensive] zone. Now they see what the benefits are. They also see the benefits to a strong forecheck. They're starting to believe in the system and it works and now they're using it. And it's increasing their confidence and obviously we're starting to win games now," he said.

The predominantly young team continues to improve and Hilderley said he continues to remind his team that their inexperience can only be overcome by hard work.

"The guys get offended when I say this in the dressing room. We're not going to outskill anyone we're going to have to outwork them. That's been our motto all season."

Haliburton's approach is one step at a time, including a strong home record to finish in the top three of the division.

"Ultimately our goal is to win the Kawartha league and go on to COSSA," the coach says.

Hilderley said the team hit their stride after they finished fourth in the Fenelon Falls Secondary School hockey tournament last weekend. The Red Hawks showed improved form after losing to Holy Cross Secondary School at home only a week earlier 7 - 1, nearly winning in the semifinals.

Haliburton led up to the second period, but surrendered the go-ahead goal in the second period and were left with a berth to the consolation final with the loss.

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Haliburton one-ups Minden in seniors' bonspiel

Brian Daoust's mixed team overall winners

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

Wednesday, November 16th saw a busy curling club as Haliburton hosted the Interclub Mixed Seniors Annual Bonspiel. With much rivalry over the years between Minden and Haliburton the Haliburton curlers came out on top winning twice in the first draw and second draw.

Overall winners were the team of Brian Daoust as skip, vice Norma McCoy, second Joe Zahn and lead Helen Baker. Bill McCoy presented the covenant trophy as each of the club members drank a toast.

First draw winners were:

1st: Brian Daoust, skip, Norma McCoy vice, Joe Zahn second and Helen Baker as lead.

2nd: Shirley Howse skip, Ross Partridge vice, Jean McBain second and lead Peter Montgomery

3rd: Minden team skipped by Bruce Fisher

Second draw winners were:

1st: Al DeGrave skip, Sandra Anderson vice, Rosemarie Cook second and lead Jack Jackson. This team won with a draw to the button made by skips Al DeGrave

2nd: Ralph Young skip, Cheryl Smillie vice, Hilda Attridge second and lead Jim Walters.

3rd: Minden team skipped by Tom McCartney

The Delta Pinestone Team is back together again this year and competed in the M&M Spiel held in Whitby on the weekend of November 12.

This bonspiel attracted 24 competitive teams, many from the Toronto area, who enjoy the high level of competition and, of course, the fine hosting by the Whitby Club. The Pinestone Team made it to the semi-finals on Sunday before losing to the event winners.

Pictured at the Whitby Club are Tom Harkness (vice), Terry Roche (skip), Case Bassie (lead) and Larry Holden (second).

In the 4-Town Ladies Bonspiel in Haliburton, two Haliburton teams placed in the top three.

The overall winner was skip Anne MacNaull's team of Gloria Taylor vice, Larraine Forgrave second and June Beadle lead.

Coming in second was a team from Bobcaygeon: Skip Linda Payzant, vice Irene Fobert, Second Jill Muter, Lead Dorothy Harwood.

Haliburton skip Sandra Duchemin's team from Haliburton came third: Vice Marilyn Whittaker, Second Teddy Stuckless and Lead Luba Glachan.

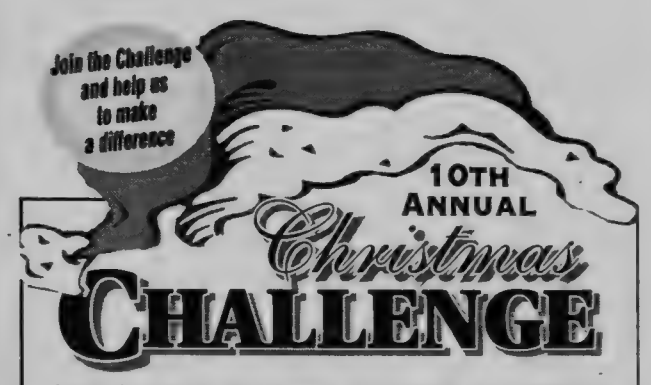
Sixty-four curlers attended the Haliburton Curling Club's 22nd Annual Spiel on Nov. 26. Congratulations to the following winners:

3 Game high for the Dawson Gray Chartered Accountant Trophy: Slip Bob Johnston, Greg Scheffee, Bob MacNaull, Andy Gruppe.

2 Game High winner of the Bowes & Cocks Trophy Courtesy of John Parish and Marj Hunter: Skip Reynold Retz, Cabe Zaduban, Steve Morgan-Richards, Arnold Retz representing Ajax Curling Club.

1 Game High winner of the Todd's Independent Grocer's Trophy: Skip John Lindsay, Brian Daoust, Dick Duchemin, Dave Bishop Jr.

Skip Bob Johnston and Bob MacNaull, Greg Scheffee, and Andy Gruppe won the Early Bird Championship Trophy. Photo submitted.



As the Christmas party season commences, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the 4Cs of Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank for the families in need.

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This is the 10th Anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Seven years ago, the 4Cs said that "Whether our need has been for food, for money, for toys or for on line voluntary assistance your members have always been there for us." We plan to be there again this year with your help.

Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in our draw. In the winners name the Haliburton County Home Builders Association will make a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The winner last year was Scott Welch Windows & Doors.

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Silver Stick 8 Team Tournament Saturday, December 8, 2005

Haliburton Arena – Atom AE Division

Time	Home	Away
8:00 a.m.	Highland Storm	Napanee
9:00 a.m.	Lakefield	Caledonia
10:00 a.m.	Acton	Oro
11:00 a.m.	Stirling	Belleville
12:00 noon	Caledonia	Highland Storm
1:00 p.m.	Napanee	Lakefield
2:00 p.m.	Belleville	Acton
3:00 p.m.	Oro	Stirling
4:00 p.m.	Storm	Lakefield
5:00 p.m.	Napanee	Caledonia
6:00 p.m.	Acton	Stirling
7:00 p.m.	Oro	Belleville

Minden Arena – PeeWee AE Division

Time	Home	Away
8:00 a.m.	Storm	Napanee
9:00 a.m.	Lakefield	Cambellford
10:00 a.m.	Acton	Paris
11:00 a.m.	Stirling	Belleville
12:00 noon	Cambellford	Storm
1:00 p.m.	Napanee	Lakefield
2:00 p.m.	Belleville	Acton
3:00 p.m.	Paris	Stirling
4:00 p.m.	Storm	Lakefield
5:00 p.m.	Napanee	Campbellford
6:00 p.m.	Acton	Stirling
7:00 p.m.	Paris	Belleville

Hunter education program updated by Ontario gov't

The Ontario government is modernizing and streamlining its hunter education program today.

"We're updating the program to keep pace with the changes in the hunting community and improvements in hunting equipment and technology," said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "This will provide better customer service to Ontario hunters."

Under the amendments to hunting regulations, firearms training requirements in Ontario will be harmonized with the Canadian Firearms Safety course to prevent duplication. The ministry will also create two classes of Ontario Outdoors Cards, one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters such as bow hunters and falconers. This will improve access top recreational hunting for non-gun hunters as they will no longer need a federal firearms licence to hunt.

The changes apply only to new hunters and take effect January 2006. The Ministry of Natural Resources sets the content of the Ontario Hunters Education Program and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters administers it.

"The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters works closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources on hunter education and we are pleased to support the harmonization of the program," said Mike Reader, OFAH is executive director. "The changes will enhance accessibility and promote recruitment of new hunters."

The Ontario Hunter Education Program, which is mandatory for all hunters, covers an extensive range of information including wildlife management, game identification, hunting laws and regulations, and hunter responsibilities. More than one-million people have completed the Hunter Education Program since it started in 1957.

Highland Storm hockey home game schedule

The following are Highland Storm home games.

In Haliburton

Dec. 9 Bantam TC vs Bobcaygeon @ 6:30
Peewee A vs Bracebridge @ 8:00
Midget TC vs Woodville @ 9:30
Dec. 10 Atom AE Silver Stick 8:00-8:00
Dec. 11 AAE/PTC Silver Stick Finals 8:00-5:00

In Minden

Dec. 9 Atom TC vs Sunderland @ 7:00
Dec. 10 Peewee TC Silver Stick 8:00-8:00
Dec. 11 Atom TC vs Omemee White @ 1:00
Peewee A vs Gravenhurst @ 4:00

Reach for The Future

For the seventh year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date the 2005 **"Reach for The Future"** campaign has raised **$11,510.00.** The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the $980,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairmen for our 2005 "Reach for The Future" campaign, **Dr. Bob Heyes and Dr. David Fiddler.**

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Classic moves

In the photo at far left, Haliburton junior point guard Mitch Sobil has his shot blocked by Fenelon Falls Falcons forward Cody Ridout in the second half during the Red Hawks Classic Tournament on Friday, Dec. 2. Haliburton juniors lost to Fenelon Falls 66-15 and to Holy Cross 64-20. Holy Cross won the tournament.
In the photo at left, Haliburton forward Guido Vanelli drives the baseline, breaking through a Holy Cross defender in the third quarter during the Red Hawks Classic Tournament on Friday, Dec. 2. Vanelli led the team with seven points in the game.
Haliburton lost 51 -23. The Red Hawks were edged out against Fenelon Falls Falcons 44 – 41. The Falcons won the tournament.

Photos by Darren Lum.

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Blue and green boxes could be on their way

Dysart et al considers purchasing 2,000 recycling containers

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Dysart is on the verge of purchasing 2,000 small recycling containers in an effort to encourage its ratepayers to step up their environmental efforts.

At the present time, only about 10 per cent of municipal waste is diverted into recycling bins – a figure the municipality would like to see hovering between 50 and 60 per cent.

"I think it's a good idea," says Ann Maher, a member of the Waste Management Advisory Committee. "It's about making it easier for people to recycle because some people just aren't used to it."

Maher says that initiatives such as the reorganization of the Haliburton landfill site has already made it simpler for people to drop off recyclables. The forthcoming containers are something she believes will further facilitate people's recycling habits.

"It gives people a chance to organize their stuff and get it over to the landfill site," says Maher.

Many other municipalities already make recycling containers available to ratepayers at landfill sites, municipal offices, and local businesses. Dysart et al will be ordering 1,000 containers for paper recycling and another 1,000 for cans and plastics.

"Anything we can do to get people to recycle we'd like to encourage," says Reeve Murray Fearrey, who hopes to make the recycling containers available before New Year's.

At the most recent council meeting, Dysart councillors were on the verge of accepting a quote from Norseman Plastics out of Rexdale, which would provide all the containers for $14,277. The motion was held off until it be could ascertained if the supplier could provide the glass and plastics containers without holes at the bottom.

Councillor Steve Pogue says the holes, which are meant to drain leftover liquid, are fine for city dwellers who take containers out to the curb. In rural settings, residents typically bring glass and plastics to the dump via their car. The prospect of overflowing liquids soaking into car carpets is something Pogue felt might be more of a detriment than an incentive to recycle.

If council is able to purchase containers without drainage holes, it is expected they will be made available for ratepayers at about cost, which would likely mean $6-7 per unit.

The containers would hold 64 litres, weigh four pounds, and have "Municipality of Dysart et al" stamped onto the side. The container for glass and plastics would be blue and the paper waste container green.

Ann Maher of Dysart's Waste Management Advisory Committee is happy to hear of the municipality's plans to purchase 2,000 recycling containers.
Photo by Lance Crossley.

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Mabel Winder's Gooderham pond controversy still lingers

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the recent Highlands East council meeting.

A feisty Mabel Winder appeared at council to give another update on her fight to restore water levels in the Gooderham Pond behind her house. The 95-year-old Gooderham resident spoke with the same energy she had at the beginning of her ordeal in 2003, when new culverts that channel water from the pond to the other side of County Road 503 resulted in much lower water levels. The unsightliness of muddy shorelines and exposed water logs have upset Winder, who has been tenaciously lobbying all levels of government for assistance but cannot circumvent regulations of the Department of Fisheries to make her wish come true.

Winder warned council that the exposed pond is a danger to children: "Someday a tragedy is going to happen there."

Council has done what is can over the years to help but to no avail. Reeve Keith Tallman told Winder that she really needs to hire a lawyer to pursue her cause, something Winder has thus far been unable to do.

"It's coming on three years now since this began and it's got to come to a head sometime soon," said an exasperated Winder.

New fire truck

Council approved purchase of a new $195,000 fire truck. The vehicle is a 2006 GMC 625 Pumper, which is outfitted with compressed air foam, is from Summit Fire Protection Service, a supplier in Manitoba. Fire Chief Don Middleton says the four-wheel drive is well suited for the tough weather in Highlands East and that it has all the features needed of the department's purposes.

"To me the important thing is to get the right vehicle doing the right job," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge. The new vehicle will replace an aging 1975 vehicle currently used at the Ward 3 station, although the new vehicle may find its home at another station.

Contractor dispute

Brad Kalus, senior project manager for the engineering consulting firm Greer Galloway Group, came to gauge council's wishes in regards to a contracting dispute. The issue centres on Detra, a contractor who replaced pumps at the Cardiff water treatment plant. The pumps were installed in February but prematurely failed because of what the contractor claims were elevated levels of turbidity. The delays in job completion led to $37,500 being charged to the contractor in liquidated damages, an amount from which the contractor is seeking relief.

Kalus recommended to council that they reduce the contractor's liquidated damages to $22,500 due to the fact that the premature breakdown of the pumps were beyond the control of Detra and that reasonable measures were taken to rectify the problem.

Cemetery database

Michele Smith submitted her intention to volunteer to help the municipality finish updating the cemetery database. Smith is a member of the Highland Heritage Committee in Highland Grove and has been involved in genealogical research for the past five years. CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig called the addition of Smith "a definite asset".

Firefighter resigns

Don Middleton regretfully informed council about the resignation of Steve Stoughton, one of his volunteer firefighters. Stoughton was forced to leave the department because his work now means he visits the township only one or two days per week. "Steve has been with the fire department quite a while and we are going to miss him, said Middleton.

Councillor Rick Forget asked if an official letter could be sent to Stoughton to thank him for his years of service. Other councillors agreed and thought it appropriate to make thank-you letters a matter of procedure for longtime volunteers.

False 911 calls

The Bancroft OPP submitted an information bulletin for Highlands East to distribute to its ratepayers. The bulletin provides information on false alarms and prank 911 calls, advising people to do such things as service their alarms regularly and not to program 911 into the speed dial. The false 911 calls, according to the information, put an enormous strain on police response resources and cost the taxpayer money.

Recycling pick-up

Cardiff townsite residents will have to keep track of their recycling materials for 2006. Recycling collection will alternate between "paper" weeks and "container" weeks. The municipality will likely create a calendar of sorts for Cardiff residents that outlines the recycling schedule each week, a move that council hopes will alleviate any confusion. The information package also lists rules for driving All Terrain Vehicles.

Unauthorized shoreline work lands fine for homeowner

A Haliburton-area homeowner has been fined $1,000 for dredging shore lands without a permit.

Court heard that on October 8, 2005, a Ministry of Natural Resource Minden Area conservation officer spoke to Gordon Scheffee, 54 at his Kennisis Lake home. The officer discovered that several logs had been removed from below the high-water mark without a permit.

Justice of the Peace J. Wiley heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on December 1, 2005.

Cottagers and homeowners must contact the ministry and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans about the legal requirements before starting projects in or near water.

Dredging, filling, bank stabilization, water crossings, removing aquatic plants, sunken log retrieval and building docks and boathouses are among activities that could need approvals and permits. Areas close to lake and river shores are vital to fisheries.

Call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time to report a natural resources violation or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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School principals earn health kudos

Health for Life awards celebrate volunteers who make a healthy difference

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Contributions to the community's overall state of health took centre stage last week at the Health For Life awards. The volunteer appreciation event was an opportunity to recognize local accomplishments and is an encouraging sign that awareness of health issues in Haliburton County is moving in the right direction.

"This event is important because it's the people in the community that make the difference," says Kim Bergeron, Health for Life coordinator at the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "It's the people who are working together across all of the topics that make a difference."

The awards, held Nov. 28 at the Delta Pinestone Resort, illuminated some of the key Health For Life projects that have sprouted up in the community, particularly the volunteers who are making it all possible. Dozens of volunteers were recognized for their work during the afternoon ceremony, which also featured a smorgasbord of finger food (yes, the four food groups were represented).

Rosie Kadwell, HKPR public health dietician, expressed gratitude to volunteers who have improved local eating habits. Among the many recipients were Birdie Murphy and Elaine Fournier, the respective school principals of Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary. Kadwell described Murphy as an ambassador for healthy eating and praised her efforts to educate families on packing nutritious lunches.

Fournier was acknowledged for the successful implementation of the Healthy Lunch Challenge and for ensuring that healthy choices were offered at her school.

"Nutrition and healthy eating have definitely skyrocketed in this area," says Kadwell. "It's grown a lot in Haliburton County."

In the area of physical fitness, Kate Hall was singled out for her work on the A Community in Action committee, a group that promotes non-motorized transportation. HKPR health promoter Sue Shikaze applauded Hall's dedication, particularly for her work in developing an active transportation plan for the village of Haliburton.

"Active transportation is a win-win situation," says Shikaze, citing how it benefits both physical health and the environment.

Health For Life is an umbrella organization comprised of community partners that strive to promote health living and chronic disease prevention. Funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care since 1998, Health For Life began with a sole focus on heart disease. It has since widened its scope to include all aspects of healthy living, bolstered by mountains of evidence that lifestyle changes can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases.

Wilberforce Principal Birdie Murphy and Cardiff Principal Elaine Fournier were two of many volunteers recognized by Health For Life last Monday at the Delta Pinestone Resort. The pair has been instrumental in fostering better eating habits among students through Health For Life initiatives.

The HKPR District Health Unit acts signs the cheques and acts as coordinator for this region, facilitating local partnerships and project ideas. Health For Life's wide-ranging initiatives include anything from creating community gardens that provide fresh produce for the food bank to promoting healthy workplace environments. One of its more recent goals is raising awareness for the link between child poverty and chronic disease.

"We're willing to make a difference in any way possible," says Bergeron.

A relatively new phenomenon, the Community Wellness Committee, was also given recognition at the ceremony. Stephanie Ratz, HKPR workplace health promoter, singled out members of the committee and said the idea of healthier workplaces, where stress is reduced and physical activity is supported, is just the logical extension of other Health For Life goals.

"It's probably the newest extension of all the programs," says Ratz. "It started in Northumberland. After the success there they brought it to City of Kawartha Lakes. It just makes sense to bring in to Haliburton."

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Septage trench free

New policy will help monitor disposal trends

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Highlands East has implemented a policy that will scrap all fees for its municipal residents who use the septage trench site. Control features within the regulations, which are now in effect, will also allow the municipality to monitor the disposal trends of its ratepayers.

The municipality will catalogue these disposal habits, which in turn will provide the blueprint for formulating a more lasting policy in the future as well as assist the municipality in writing its reports to the Ministry of Environment.

"The history of this thing will eventually show itself," said Deputy Reeve Bill Howe at the most recent Highlands East council meeting. "This is a pilot project and it will build a library of information for us."

The septage trench site, located in Cardiff, has been open to ratepayers since the spring. People used to have to pay a $75 fee for its use but that policy is now changed to make it free for both residents and businesses, in part because of public concern over the expense. But to use the site residents must register at the municipal office in Wilberforce as well as provide proof of residency. The completion of disposal forms is also required for each dumping so that the hauler can verify that the septage waste is from the said property. As well, the resident must make an appointment to arrange for the disposal of the septage.

Prior to passing the resolution, at the behest of Councillor Rick Forget, council made a last-minute change to the policy pertaining to disposal restrictions. The original document stipulated that residential properties on a septic system were allowed to dispose of waste from their property once every three years and those with a holding tank were granted two to three disposals per year.

At the same time, the new regulations permitted commercial properties to dispose of septage waste on an "as needed" basis. This was deemed necessary for certain restaurants that have to haul sewage 50 or more times a year. Councillor Forget felt this created an unfair playing field.

"You can't control residential and not on commercial," argued Forget. "Either you have no controls on anything or you put in controls for both."

Council eventually agreed to alter the policy so that all properties shall be allowed to dispose of septage waste on an "as needed" basis and subject to the other listed conditions.

"They still have to pay the hauler, so they aren't going to run [to the septage trench site] more than they have to," said CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

Prior to the opening of the municipal septage site, the majority of Highlands East residents made arrangements will haulers to take spread waste on farmland.

When government regulations no longer permitted spreading waste on farmland during the winter, the municipality decided to make a local disposal site available for its residents.

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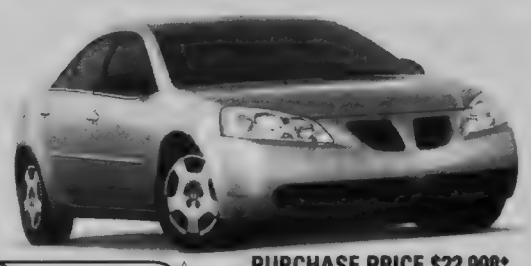

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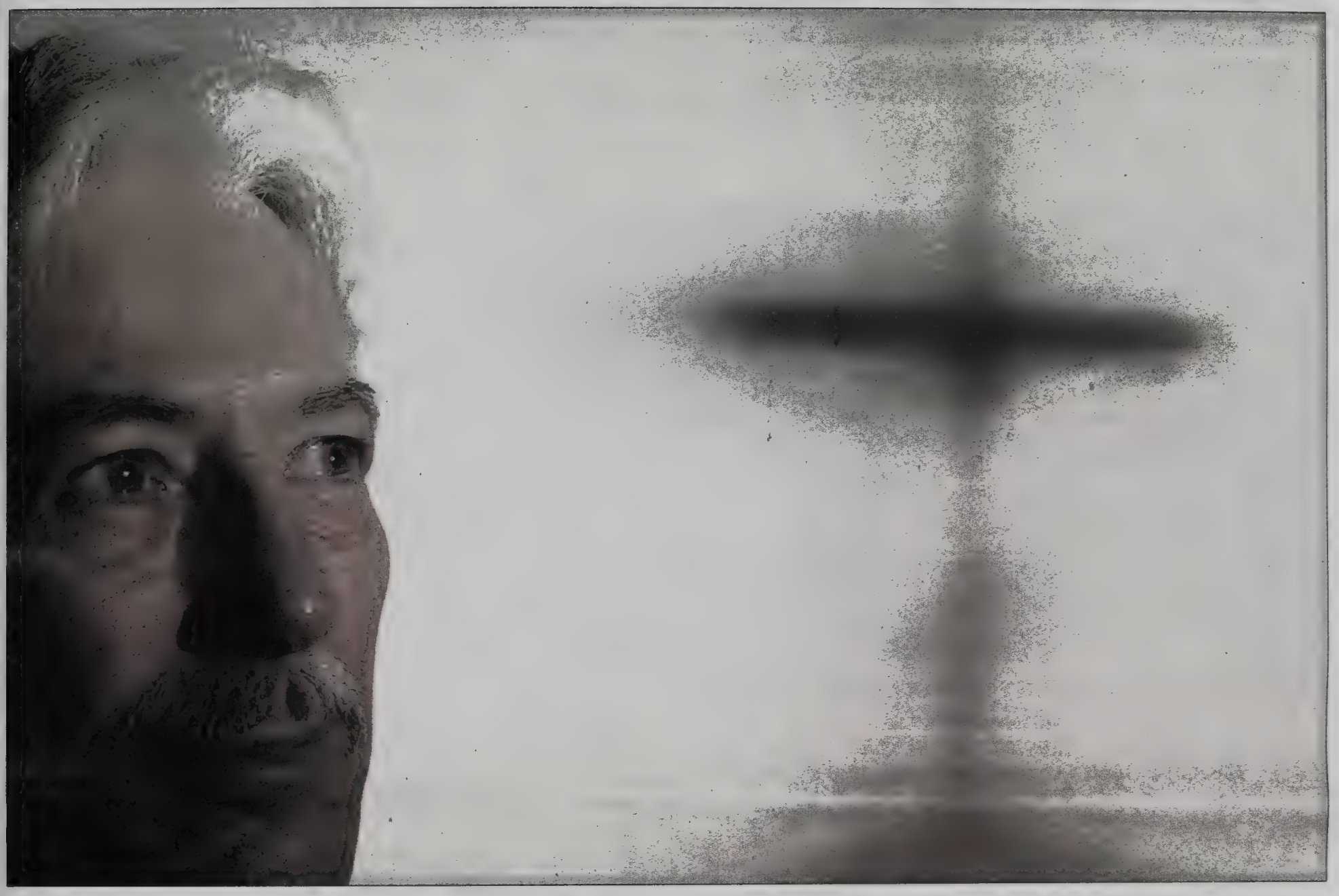


"More, bigger and faster does not add up to better," says Don Buxcey, who laments the materialism of the celebration of Christ's birth.

Christmas?

'If we are so unsure of ourselves that piling more material goods onto our children is the only way we can assure them of our love, then it is no wonder that our culture is suffering from malfunction,' says Don Buxcey in a rant about the commercialization of Christmas

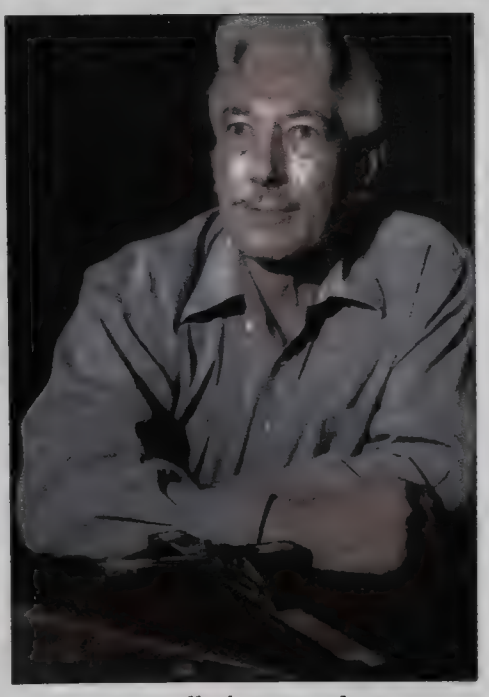
Story by Don Buxcey, photo by Darren Lum

It is so easy to rail against the commercialization of the Christmas season. But I think we have waited much too long wallowing in the sentimentality of snow, trees, hearty meals and family gatherings to warrant the right to voice any opinion against the misappropriation of our religious symbolism.

The commercialization of sentimental feelings long ago degraded religious celebrations of our remembrance of Christ's birth. Cards, posters, poems, stories, movies and the church's seduction made our approach to Christmas a sham.

The creation of an elf to distribute presents distorted the story of God's love and Jesus' birth from being told in a Christian manner. Nevertheless, the sentimental seduction was so sweet that we went along with it like lambs to slaughter.

Now with our capitulation to "youth culture" it is extremely difficult for parents to say "no" to begging, wheedling, whining offspring when they demand the latest fad for a Christmas present.



Have we totally forgotten that a present is a "non-deserved gift?"

Must Christian parents be held hostage to media hype? Have we resigned as parents completely?

I am not suggesting a return to times when we were lucky to get a new pair of boots, a book and an orange for Christmas.

Since when do recipients demand whatever they want from a generous donor of a gift? There is definitely something wrong with this picture.

Society will never allow less fortunate persons to demand that they be given the latest in technological gizmos, fur coats or new cars for presents. Do we ask our brothers and sisters if they would please pick out whatever they want us to furnish them with as our expression of love?

If we are so unsure of ourselves, that piling more material goods onto our children is the only way we can assure them of our love, then it is no wonder that our culture is suffering from malfunction. And if, for some unfathomable reason, anyone doubts that we are in a malfunctioning community, I suggest said person carefully read the local papers.

Social services, police, churches and service clubs can readily attest to the need for more help in combating social dysfunction.

More, bigger and faster does not add up to better. Greed, pride and envy have always been deadly sins, so why have Christians been so prone to commit them? Does the message of Jesus Christ have the answer? The poor are always with us, therefore let us use our wealth wisely and give away some of it, for the benefit of our own well-being.

Do we really take a look at our own spending? Must we have the latest toy, gadget and fad? If we keep gobbling up the majority of our world's resources, to the detriment of the majority of the world's population, are we not asking for trouble? No doubt some people will take advantage of our generosity. Our children certainly will.

If we continue to spend half of January's income on December's wilful pride, then we deserve the kind of society we produce.

– Don Buxcey is a member of Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network.

Come to arts school open house

SANDY GILBERT

Special to the Echo

See for yourself the beauty of artist blacksmithing (as photographed by Darren Lum) at Haliburton School of the Arts' open house December 10.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts will be holding its semi-annual Student Art Exhibition and Sale.

Students from this semester's certificate programs will be exhibiting their work in ceramics, drawing and painting, artist blacksmithing and textiles surface design.

It's also an excellent opportunity to see the emerging artists at work in their studios. Watch as ceramic artists turn clay into beautiful bowls and plates, and artist blacksmiths hammer red-hot iron into whatever shapes they can imagine. Drawing and painting students will be bringing scenes to life on canvas and textile students will be creating the latest fashions.

The students in all four studios will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the certificate programs, or about their current project. It's an opportunity to experience the creative atmosphere that Haliburton School of the Arts has to offer.

So come to the Great Hall at Haliburton School of the Arts on Saturday Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The students' accomplishments this semester are remarkable and it's definitely a show that can't be missed.

Refreshments will be served.

– Sandy Gilbert is a Ceramic Arts student.

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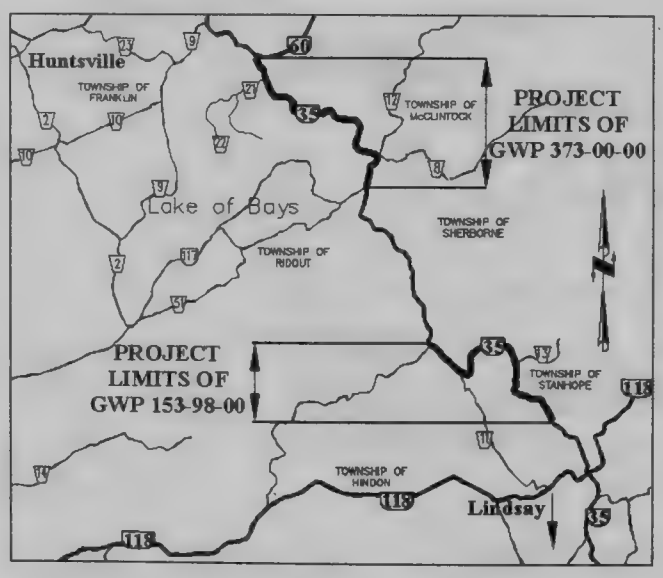

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Take a breath this Christmas

Take time out to smell the trees, the cider and roasting turkey

As we passed through Harcourt the other night and viewed the festive array of decorative lights adorning many of the homes, I could not help but reflect upon a recent exchange that took place between my granddaughter and me.

The other day I felt a very cold draft coming from the dining room and upon investigation discovered my granddaughter Rachel standing with the patio door open and taking very deep breaths. I naturally asked her what she was doing. Her reply that she was smelling nature immediately made me ask, "What does nature smell like?" She gave me a strange look and quickly responded, "Like Christmas."

I found it interesting that, in her short five years, her sense of smell of the cold outdoors stimulated memories that reminded her of Christmas. There are so many things that we smell at Christmas that stimulate our memories. The smell of freshly-cut Christmas trees, roasting turkeys, freshly-baked pies, apple cider and so much more are all tantalizing Christmas scents.

As you go about this holiday season, be like Rachel and take in some deep breaths of Christmas.

This weekend marks the festive Loop Santa Claus Parade in Wilberforce starting at 12:30 p.m. Please contact parade organizer Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 if you would like to enter a float or for further information regarding the parade.

Following the parade all children are welcome to come into the Lloyd Watson Centre for a visit with Santa Claus where all children 10 years and younger will receive a gift from Santa. Clara Burt and Friends will be on hand with some great entertainment and the local volunteer firefighters will have some great treats available. It promises to be an exciting day for all generations so plan on coming out and

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Valerie Smith
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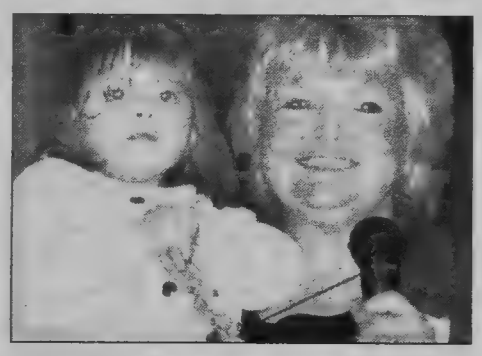

Valerie Smith and her granddaughter, Rachel.

enjoying a family day together with community family and friends. For further information regarding the Children's Christmas Party, please call Valerie Smith at 448-3640.

Best wishes for speedy recovery go out to Bill Rogers.

The Word of Life Outreach Centres in Wilberforce and Highland Grove continue to touch the lives of many in our community. In the two locations, they have a great selection of clothing and miscellaneous items to choose from. Donations of good used clothing are always welcomed to meet the needs of community families. Also, local community need continues for food, therefore please do not hesitate to drop off non-perishable food donations to help fill the emergency food bank.

Donations of baby food, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned meat and stews are always welcome. For further information, please call Clara at 448-3359 or at 448-9406.

The Harcourt Community Center continues to have:

Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448 -3155.

Progressive euchre every Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

The Harcourt Community Centre is a smoke-free establishment. Therefore, both the bingo and progressive euchre are smoke-free evenings. Please keep in mind that a break is provided on both nights in order that people may smoke outdoors and not miss out on any of the action these events provide.

December 29th: please plan to attend the Home to the Highlands Holiday Musical Cabaret with Edgar Thatcher and Friends. Cost is only $8 in advance for adults, $10 at the door or $8 with a non perishable food item. Seniors and children under 16 are just $5. Admission for a family of four is $20.00.

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Beads party raises funds for Haliburton-based charity

A successful fundraising event was held in Toronto November 20 in support of Cottage Dreams, the Haliburton-based charity that offers recent cancer survivors time away at a donated, private cottage to recover, reconnect and rebuild their lives in a natural setting.

More than 50 women attended the home shopping party to browse handmade beaded jewelry and leather handbags from My Beads Muskoka. The "Bellinis and Beads" event was hosted by Cottage Dreams board member Michelle Bevan, who cottages in Haliburton, and good friend and Bracebridge native Amanda Hudswell.

"This was the perfect excuse to bring our friends together for an afternoon of early Christmas shopping, while sipping cocktails and enjoying great food,"said Bevan and Hudswell.

Cottage Dreams Founder Seana O'Neill and My Beads Muskoka co-owners and artists Kelly McBride and LeeAnne Brookes were on hand to meet the guests and answer any questions.

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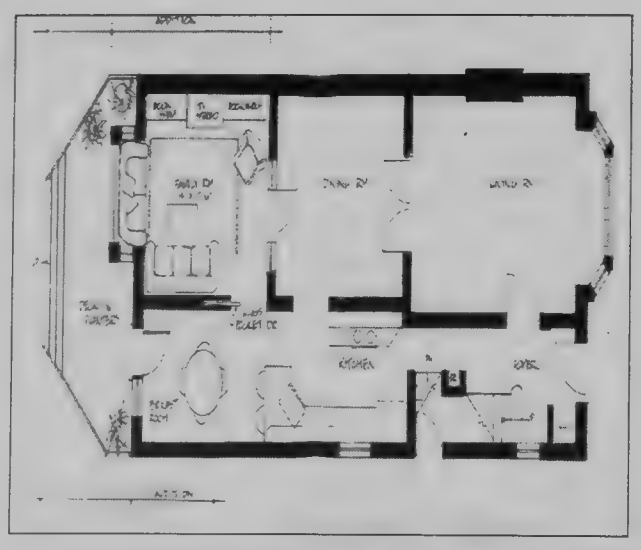

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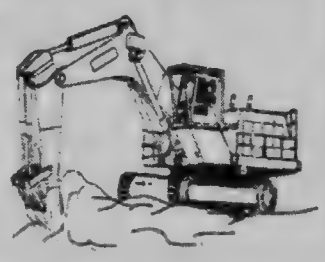

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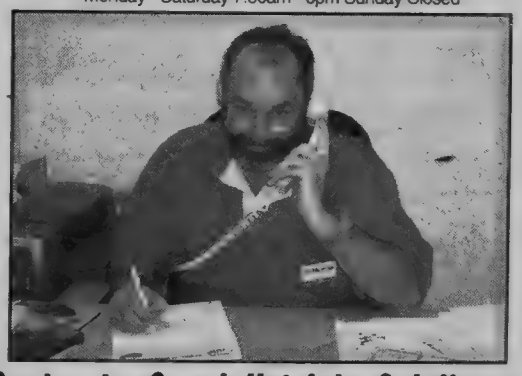

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Legion hosts mixed darts tournament

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Gerald Irish

On Saturday, Nov. 26, your branch played host to 25 teams from across our Zone F4 in a mixed darts competition. The new dart board hangers in the auditorium were put to the test and worked beautifully. Four teams were assured entry in the District Mixed Darts Tournament. Your branch placed three of our four teams in this future event by coming in first, second and fourth. Kinmount Legion came third. Congratulations to all our team members with special thanks to Sports Officer Chris Briggs. We are proud of all of you. By placing first in this competition we have earned the privilege of hosting next year's zone finals. Good luck to all three teams at the District level.

Our audit for last year is finally completed and I think you will all be proud to see that in the past fiscal year your branch was able to donate $11,070 locally and $8,603 nationally and internationally. Give yourselves a pat on the back for making this possible.

What wonderful coverage we have had from the press of our Remembrance Day activities. Thank you to the Echo and to Canoe FM for your kindnesses.

During this joyous and festive time of year it is indeed difficult to hear of or read of events in our country and the world that cause so much uncertainty, nervousness and frustration as we are evidencing with the constant upsetting barrage of news - constant major layoffs that could affect all of us or those we love, global warming, kidnappings of Canadians trying to help those less fortunate than we, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, holiday election campaigns, an unpopular war in Iraq, etc.

As we ponder these things I would like to suggest that we concentrate on the positive constants in our lives; our belief in a supreme being, families, friends and the joy and love so evident at this time of year.

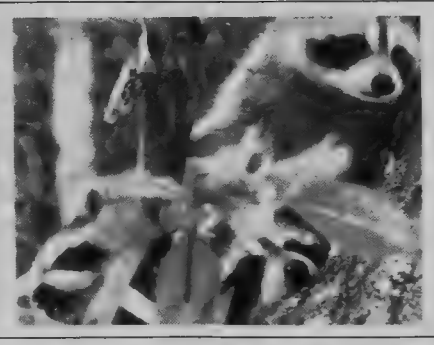
Your Legion General Meeting will be on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.. Plan to attend. It is important to your branch.

Our Sunday Brunches continue to be successful thanks to the very generous cooperation and help of our many volunteers. The organizers of the brunches are so extremely proud of all of these people who faithfully donate their time and efforts to make sure each brunch is successful. Because of holidays and other commitments of the hall and of the workers the following dates for brunches have been booked: December 11, January 8, Feb. 5 and 19.

None of our brunches would be a success if not for the loyalty of the people who attend. Congratulations to the organizers of the annual Santa Claus Parade and congratulations to the members of your ranch who worked on and rode on the Legion float which was led by our ever present Sgt. at Arms Brian Hambly and his colour party. It was very gratifying to hear the applause of the parade viewers as your entry in the parade passed by.

Special thanks for all of her work on behalf of the branch goes to Carla Watson. Well done, young lady.

Veterans Billy Pickard and Gordon Kennedy were on the Legion's float in the Haliburton Santa Claus parade.



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Frozen cookies a perfect Christmas treat

Our favourite foodie, Franka Andriano, helps a reader with frozen cookie recipes; you don't have to be a polar bear to enjoy them

Dear Franka:

We are so busy this time of year that it would be great to have some cookies ready in the freezer. Can you suggest some?

Dear Reader:

There are many great cookies that freeze well. As a general rule cakes frostings, mousses, sauces and pie and tart shells freeze best if they contain fat, such as butter, shortening or cream.

Also to ensure the best results follow the following tips:

- Heavy-duty foil provides the best seal when it is wrapped over plastic if not using an airtight container.
- Cool baked goods first.
- Remember to label and date the containers.
- Also if you pre-cut the squares or cookies and layer between wax paper you can take out a few at a time.

So put on the Christmas music and go baking.

Cream Cheese-Walnut Cookies

4 cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp coarse salt
2 cups unsalted butter softened.
6 ounces cream cheese at room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbsp plus one half tsp pure vanilla extract
2 1/2 cups walnut halves (which should be 1 1/2 cups toasted and coarsely chopped andone cup finely chopped.)

Whisk together flour and salt in a large bowl set aside

Put butter and cream cheese in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed until pale and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Mix in sugar and vanilla. Reduce speed to low. Add flour mixture and mix until just combined (do not over-mix.) Mix in toasted walnuts.

Transfer dough to a work surface. Divide in half; shape each into an 8 1/2 inch long log about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap each log in parchment paper; freeze until firm about 30 minutes or up to 2 weeks.

Preheat oven to 350°F with racks in upper and lower thirds. Unwrap one log and roll in one half cup chopped walnuts, coating completely. Cut into quarter inch thick rounds. Space one inch apart on baking sheets lines with parchment paper.

Bake cookies, rotating halfway through until golden around edges, 18-20 minutes. Let cool on sheets on wire racks. Repeat with remaining log and remaining one half cups chopped walnut. Cookies can be stores in airtight containers at room temperature for up to 3 days.

Cashew Caramel Cookies

1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp coarse salt
2 1/2 cups roasted salted cashews
2 tbsp plus one tsp canola oil
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
24 soft caramel candy cubes
1/2-cup heavy cream

Preheat oven tsp 350°F. Sift together flour and salt: set aside Coarsely chop one cup cashews; set aside. Process remaining one and half cups cashews in a food processor until finely chopped. Pour in oil: process until creamy, about 2 minutes.

Put cashew mixture, butter and sugars in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed until pale and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Mix in egg and vanilla. Reduce speed to low; gradually mix in flour mixture and reserved chopped cashews.

Using ice cream scoop drop dough onto baking sheets lined with parchment paper, spacing 2 inches apart. Bake 6 minutes; gently flatten cookies. Bake until bottoms are golden 6 to 7 minutes. Let cool on sheets on wire racks.

Melt caramels with cream in a saucepan over low heat, stirring. Let cool. Using a spoon, drizzle caramel over cookies; let set. Store airtight in single layers for three days or freeze.

From *Martha Stewart's Holiday Cookies.*

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Wildlife dinner fed 100 people

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Mel Smith

The December 3 Wildlife Dinner was a great success. Dave Burton, our president, was pleased and Elois Somerville, Ladies Auxiliary president, says there were more than 100 satisfied diners.

We would like to thank Elois Somerville, Bonnie Jessup, Betty Hayward, Joan Clarke, Joyce Maughan, Betty Irvin, Marg Ridout, Cynthia Goodison, Joan Meharrie, Tammy Vaughn, Reberta Walsh, Linda Stickwood, Louise Graham, Marg Jones, Joan Harris, Vicky Shcherbak, Dave Burton, Bob Hayward, Gary Carlton, Ken Jones, Manfred Stelter, Gil Jessup and John Graham, and the clean-up crew.

On Dec. 11 our branch will be putting a float into the Santa Claus Parade, before which we are holding an all-you-can-eat brunch from 9 a.m. 'til 12 p.m. Adults $6, children $3, and children under 6 are free.

On Dec. 24 the Legion will close at 5 p.m. and be closed Dec. 25, and will re-open on the 26th at the normal time.

Bill Rogers is doing rehab at St Joe's in Peterborough. Get well soon, Bill.

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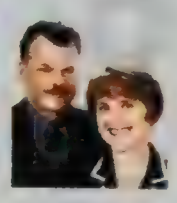

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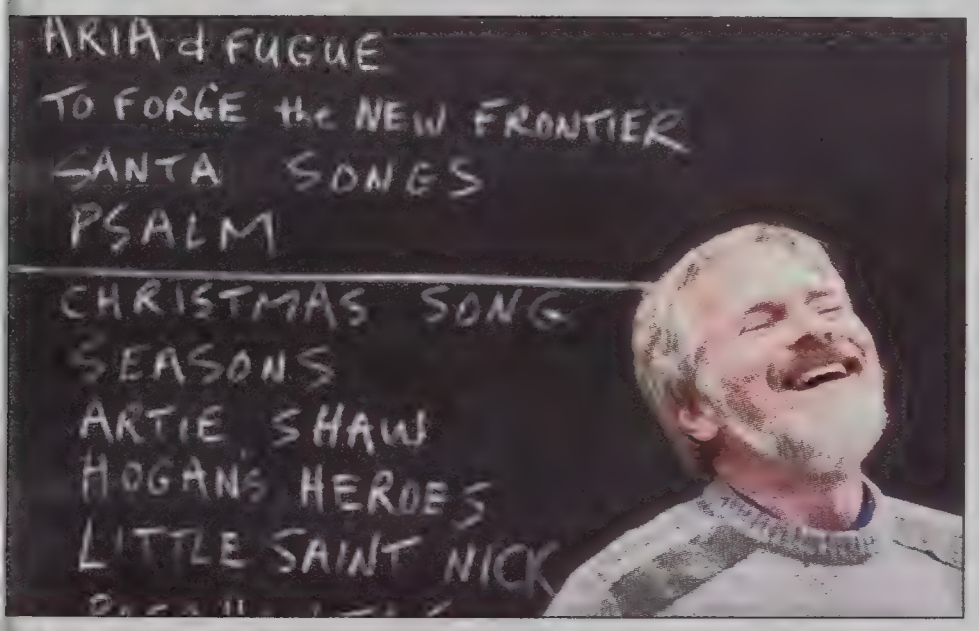
The sounds of Christmas are coming to Haliburton. The Highlands Wind Symphony is performing its annual Christmas Concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Dec. 11. Special guest vocalist John Miller will make an appearance. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for students, and $20 for families. Purchase tickets at Master's Book Store in Haliburton and PharmaSave Drugstore in Minden.



The Highlands Wind Symphony's conductor Glen Carter (above) shows there is more than just work during rehearsal. Below, the sax players hard at work.

Christmas arrives musically on a Highlands Wind

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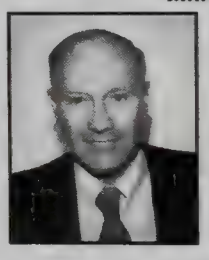

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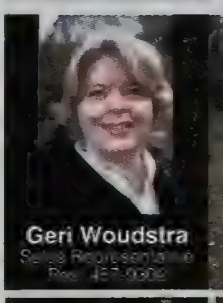

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Dream a Holiday Dream

The new Razzamataz season opened with a *Holiday Dream* on Sunday, providing a delightful start to a season that continues with three shows in 2006.

On Sunday, the young audience met young Moe, who is annoyed that not everyone gets the same holidays. Wouldn't it be great if we could have a holiday every day, and never have to go to school at all? But when Moe's dreams come true, he learns that one of the things makes a holiday so special is looking forward to it.

Really Little Theatre incorporated storytelling, puppets and dance into this lively musical theatre production.

On January 29, Join Hands Puppeteers returns with *Captain Matt's Treasure Hunt* at the Northern Lights Theatre. Captain Matt needs the audience's help to track down the elusive pirate Stink Beard. The theme of the show is books and reading.

For the first time in Haliburton, Barry O'Neill brings *The Barry O Kidshow* on Sunday, March 5 at the theatre. It will be a fun, interactive show full of sing-a-longs, magic, puppets and ventriloquism.

You will be dazzled by the acrobatic stunts and intrigued by the science when *Fizzical Fizzicks* comes to YMCA Wanakita on Sunday, April 23. Greg Tarlin and Kristi Heath are veteran performers who originally created this show for the Ontario Science Centre to help explain the types of motion through juggling, spinning plates, unicycling and more.

All performances are Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Watch for the huge, lovable mascot Razzie the Razzamataz Orangutan in the lobby before every show.

You won't want to miss any of these great shows. Bring your children, your grandchildren, your friend's children or just come. A season pass is $20 and offers substantial savings over the individual ticket prices of $8 for adults and $6 for children. Consider a season pass as an early Christmas present that lasts for months of entertainment.

How can high quality entertainment be so affordable for your family? The volunteer organizers couldn't do it without sponsors: Curry Motors, Haliburton and District Lions Club, Churko Furniture, Patient News Publishing, Todd's Independent Grocer, Haliburton Rotary Club, Floyd Hall Insurance, YMCA Wanakita and an anonymous sponsor. They are also supported by the Ontario Arts Council, and have received donations this year from Vanlieshout Realty and Dollo's IGA.

For more information about the season, check out www.razzamataz.ca. Tickets and season passes can be purchased at the door or by calling Amy Klose at 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett at 286-4511.

What happens if every day is a holiday? Young Moe was surprised that he didn't like it very much when Really Little Theatre brought their production of Holiday Dream to the Northern Lights Pavilion on Sunday as the opening concert in a a new season of children's entertainment. Photos, Martha Perkins.

The County of Haliburton is seeking Proposals for a Landfill and Recycling Site Location Project.

A copy of the Request for Proposals is available for download on the County of Haliburton Website at www.county.haliburton.on.ca by following the links to Municipal Administration and Special Projects.

Completed proposals to be submitted no later than January 27, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. to the attention of :

Jim Wilson, C.A.O.
11 Newcastle Street
PO Box 399
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

County of Haliburton

NOTICE

The Committee of the Whole of Haliburton County Council will be holding their regular meeting on
Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers in Minden.
The Council of the County of Haliburton will also at this time hold its
regular meeting at 1:00 pm
followed by a 2006 budget meeting at 1:30 pm.
The Council of the County of Haliburton will be holding
its annual inaugural meeting on
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
in the County Council Chambers
at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.
The public is invited to attend all of these meetings.

Victorian tea, wildlife dinner and sale were super

Various community events turned out to be pleasant and successful

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Hilda Clark
448-2818

Several recent events were successful nd pleasant at this season leading up Christmas. The Victorian Tea at the Harcourt Chapel last week was a fine vent.

The Sunday School Christmas oncert at the Full Gospel Church on unday, December 4, was delightful nd uplifting. We hear the Wildlife inner at the Legion last Saturday vening was a well-attended and deli- ous meal.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild peo- le were pleased with the Christmas raft Sale and lunch on Saturday at the loyd Watson Centre. The folks who rought their products for sale seemed have been happy with the day. The od provided by the St. Margaret's nglican Church people was well- eceived. Shoppers and all participants rned the sale into a pleasant commu- ity happening.

Coming up next Sunday evening, ecember 11, is the annual community arol service at the United Church. lsie Lewis has had a community choir ractising for it. So come out at 7 p.m. r lots of carol singing, the Christmas tory and refreshments provided by the Vilberforce United Church Women nd anyone who cares to contribute.

The Essonville Historic Church Carol ervice is Sunday evening, December 3. The Legion's monthly breakfast is oming up next Sunday morning, Dec. 1 from 9 to noon. Then head down to ie main part of the village to see Santa arade down to the Lloyd Watson entre at 12:15 p.m.

Open House for Christmas is this hursday, December 8 at the Outpost :30 - 4:00 and 7 to 9. All welcome. efreshments.

Another passing has saddened the illage. John Charles Godfrey Quibell ied at the Haliburton Hospital on riday, November 25. Though in hospi- l for only a few days he had been ail- g for some time. John was 65. He and is wife Barbara Howell retired to Vilberforce a few years ago. You can ell with Godfrey as one of his names iat he had connections with the area. ohn was always busy with a number f projects. He enjoyed the mechanics f car repair.

Our condolences are extended to arbara, Terry (Julie), Steven (Laura obinson) Sherri Bodechon (Murray Sawyer) and Dan (Barb Gracie), his grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral service was from Mackey Funeral Home Lindsay and interment at Eden Cemetery, Cambray.

Many folks come home to the Haliburton Highlands through the year, but Christmas here is especially treasured. An event has been planned for Thursday, December 29, here in Wilberforce. It is a holiday musical cabaret entitled "Home to the Highlands" with Edgar Thatcher and Friends. It is a non-alcoholic event at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. Doors open at 7 p.m. The show will go from 7:30 to 10:30. More information on this event and Edgar Thatcher next time. Look for the attractive posters around the area.

Local citizens who care about our community and its facilities, especially our much appreciated, frequently used Lloyd Watson Centre, appeared at the November 22 meeting of Highlands East Council requesting some improvements to the hall, especially the kitchen. They will be pleased to know that the groups sponsoring the craft sale on Saturday, December 3, found the kitchen counters, sink, fridge, stove and floor clean. A new 100-cup coffee urn and two tea kettles have been purchased for use by groups using the facilities. The sound system functioned to play Christmas music.

Some folks here were really disturbed to hear on CANOE FM radio on the very morning of the craft sale big news about the state of the LWMC – two weeks after the complaints. Were they trying to discourage people from coming to our sale?

Lots to eat

This large collection of food was donated to the Haliburton and District Lions Club during Haliburton's Santa Claus Parade. Spectators also donated $214.54 in cash. From left to right: Eric Frost holding his son Blake, Vincent Lawr, Lion Ron Bain, Brayden Frost (in front), Lion James Lawr, Ave Petch of the 4Cs, Lion Sheldon Nicholls, Lion Jim Frost and Lion Ann McIvor.

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

NOTICE

(Applicant — SCHMIDT)

IN THE MATTER OF *THE MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 17th day of January 2006, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 8, Concession 15, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 14762 and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 8, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated August 29, 2005. (Part 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey, as referred to above, is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 6th day of December, 2005.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
CAO/CLERK-TREASURER
Box 295
Wilberforce, Ont. K0L 3C0

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ZONING BY-LAW 77-32
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE:	Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006
TIME:	5:30 p.m.
LOCATION:	Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Bishop

- Purpose and Effect:
  - To recognize the intended seasonal residential use of the property.
- Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 6, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake - 1116 Fort Irwin Road).
- This property is the subject of application for consent H-062/2005.
- This property is the subject of minor variance applications D13-MV-05-025 and D13-MV-05-026.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submission at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 6th day of December, 2005.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

Health Unit faces insurance hike

Premiums expected to go up more than 40%

The local Health Unit is facing an increase of more than 40 per cent in insurance premiums as part of the cost of doing business.

At a presentation made during last week's meeting of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Board of Health, members were told the Health Unit's premium is $86,703, up from $61,000 last year. Representatives from Frank Cowan Insurance Company said the increase was based primarily on the increased settlements being handed down by the courts in actions against public sector clients across the country. The increase can also be partially attributed to the increase in number of HKPR staff.

The Board of Health has asked that a report from staff, reviewing the increase and any possible cost cutting recommendations, be available for the November Board of Health meeting.

Tracking diseases

Epidemiologist Robyn Mitchell provided a brief overview of the new Integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS). This new information system is web-based and province-wide and replaces an outdated system of collecting and tracking information about reportable diseases. The new iPHis system, was implemented under the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Operation Health Protection plan.

The HKPR District Health Unit received training on the system in the spring and went live in July, 2005.

Recreational Water Quality

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lynne Noseworthy said she and her staff will soon be having a regular meeting with representatives from the Ministry of the Environment. Recreational water quality will be one of the items discussed at the meeting. A process and prospective participants for future discussions about improving recreational water quality will be determined. The Board will be kept apprised of progress regarding this initiative.

E. Coli

The Health Unit has sent out a reminder to area residents to avoid drinking unpasteurized apple cider or fruit juices. Several people in the Durham Region and one individual in the HKPR district have been reported ill with E. Coli 0157:H7 after drinking unpasteurized cider that possibly contained the bacteria.

Cost of Healthy Eating Report

Every year, the Health Unit conducts a survey of seven grocery stores throughout its area to determine the cost of a Nutritious Food Basket (NFB). The NFB contains 66 items that are considered nutritious, according to Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. It also includes foods that are commonly purchased, but does not include convenience foods, personal care products or cleaning products.

This year, the cost of a NFB for a family of four (man, women - 25 to 49 years of age, boy - 13 to 15 years of age, girl - seven to nine years of age) will be $129.37 compared to $126.26 last year. In the coming months, the Cost of Health Eating report and research conducted by Health for Life regarding child poverty will be distributed to key decision makers and other organizations and groups.

Dr. Noseworthy discussed the recent confusion around the Health Unit's work in ensuring that community organizations who are preparing and serving meals for the public are adhering to food safety regulations. Dr. Noseworthy reiterated that once a community group or church sells tickets to the public for events where food is served, they must adhere to the province's Food Premises Regulation.

"We are striving to work with our partners in the community to ensure they are complying with the regulations," she said. "Just like us, we know they don't want people becoming ill from improperly cooked, handled or stored foods.

People can get sick very easily from situations where the food was not cooked, handled and/or stored properly. We don't want to see that happen to our residents."

Mileage

The board approved a motion to increase the level of staff travel reimbursement to $.42 per kilometre effective October 1, 2005.

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CURRENT EVENTS

• **Dec. 6:** A Vigil of Remembrance of the Montreal Massacre will be held at 12:15 p.m. on the Village Green in Minden to commemorate a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The ceremony will also honour women and their accomplishments.

• **Dec. 6:** Christmas Luncheon at the Dominion Hotel, Minden. Join Community Care for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by Chef Thompson. Community. Call 457-2941 or drop in to Community Care. Seating is limited.

• **Dec. 6:** The Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle invites you to its second annual "A Writers' Christmas" held at the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon. Cocktails at 6 p.m., buffet dinner around 7:00 p.m. After dinner, people are invited to present their works on the season's themes. The restaurant is closed to the general public at evening. Call Kay Millard at 286-6636 for tickets or for further info. Advanced ticket sales only.

• **Dec. 7:** Join Community Care and Wheels to Meals for lunch at Win Yeung's Restaurant, Haliburton. Wheels to Meals is a program whereby seniors or adults with disabilities get out and eat, meet and have fun over a delicious luncheon. Call Aileen to make your reservations or to find out more about this lunch, 457-3375.

• **Dec. 8:** Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a Family Supper Night on Thurs., Dec. 8. Held at the Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. Please call 457-2989 to register.

• **Dec. 8:** CFUW Haliburton will meet on Thurs. at 7 p.m. at Fleming College for our Annual Christmas Social evening. Please bring a fun "nibblies", and something for the Silent Auction. ("Re-gifting" very acceptable!).

• **Dec. 8:** Outpost Historic House Museum – Christmas Open House. Thurs. Dec. 8, 1:30 - 4 and 7 to 9. Refreshments. Natural decorations.

• **Dec. 8:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden – Well Baby Drop-In will be held on Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. Have your baby weighed and measured, receive breastfeeding support, and information about growth and development. Brought to you by HKPR District Health Unit. Call 286-1770.

• **Dec. 9:** Join Community Care and Wheels to Meals at MartinWood in Harcourt. This luncheon begins at 12 noon. If you would like to reserve, please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.

• **Dec. 9:** The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 44 Kinmount, presents their Christmas Bingo. Turkey, ham, and cash prizes. $500. must go Jackpot. Light luncheon provided. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 6:45 p.m.

• **Dec. 10:** Third Annual Community Christmas Concert – With the Muskoka Men of Song and community singing and refreshments. Sponsored by the Churches of Dorset. Sat., Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Dorset Recreation Centre. Call (705) 766–0267 for cost.

• **Dec. 10:** Student Art Exhibition and Sale, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Great Hall at Fleming's Haliburton School of the Arts. Works in Ceramics, Textiles, Blacksmithing and Drawing and Painting will be on display and some works for sale just in time for the holidays. For fore info., call 457-1680.

ON GOING EVENTS

• **McKeck's Place – Homework Club** meets every Tuesday at 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. All grades, all subjects. Phone Karen Frybert or Heather Taylor at 457-3443. The Homework Club emerged from a group of students working part-time at McKeck's Place. Our Philosophy has always been "schoolwork comes ahead of a part-time job". As an employer that invests in our youth, we decided as management that we would assist the kids with their homework and allow them to complete their academic requirements as well as hold a part-time job, encouraging their financial independence and furthering their skills in the F & B Industry. It's a win/win situation. We will be looking for monthly sponsors for the club to offset costs of after-school snacks ... they are all hungry upon arrival from school, and healthy nutrition is just another aspect of the program.

• **Christmas Tea & Social** – Join other Family Caregivers on Wed., Dec. 7 & 21 at 2 p.m. "Case Manor Lagoon Club", Bobcaygeon; Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Kinmount and District Health Centre's lower level.

• **Now until Dec. 21:** 10th Annual Christmas Toy Challenge, arrange for gift pick up by calling the Haliburton County Home Builders office at 457-2629.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups** on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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440 THANK YOU

The family of the **late BOB FOWLER** would like to thank all the people who tried to save his life both at the park and at the hospital. Special thanks to Tim Keefer who went out of his way to make sure our family was together that day. Thanks to all who sent flowers, cards, donations and offered kind words. Bob is a special man who will be forever missed and always loved. His family **Velda, Virginia, Angela, Donnie and B.J.**

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our sincerest thanks to all our friends and our family for helping make our 50th Anniversary such a special occasion. Our sons and daughters-in-law worked very hard to make this a wonderful celebration. It was a day filled with memories that we will always cherish! We would also like to thank the staff at Extendicare for making it possible for Rosa and I to spend the last 4 years together. They have gone out of their way to make both of us feel a part of their family. They are indeed very special people! Thank you again for all your best wishes.
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Can never be erased
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Or take away the happy years
Of which you were a part
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Still always near.
From your loving **Mom Marg.**

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Your life on this earth seemed so short,
For those you left behind.
We had no control; it was in God's court,
As he took you from the line.
You touched our heart in so many ways,
And kept us close to you.
We smile, we cry, we remember days,
And wish you were here too.
We miss your love and laughter, as you gave it to the end.
You were the best wife, mother, sister, nana, and a friend.
I am trying hard to fill your role and look after those you love,
But sometime it takes its toll,
As I look to you above.
Life does go on, so were told
And yes we know its true,
Forgive us for being bold,
Cause all we feel is blue.
We know you're in a better place
Free from all suffering and pain.
Before we sleep, we picture your face and
Cry whenever it rains.
We know someday we will meet again
And no, there will be no other
To take your place in this world
As special as our mother.
We love you and we will take care of each other,
Until we meet again.
Love your kids **Toad & Lee, Newfer & Tracy, Abby & Chad.** And your Grandsons **Aaron, Andi, Jaxon, Maddy, Brady** – We love you and miss you Nana. **CA**

450 IN MEMORIAM

COWAN, MARILYN – In memory of a wonderful caring wife, mother and grandma who passed away December 11, 2002.
Though her smile is gone forever
And her hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories;
Of the one we loved so much.
Her memory is our keepsake;
With which we'll never part;
God has her in His keeping,
We have her in our heart.
Missing you and loving you always.
Russell
Paul & Kim, Lauren, Adam, Jeff & Hilary
Chris & Kim, Brady & Paige.
CA

MATHEWS, BENJAMIN DANIEL – In loving memory of our son Ben, January 25, 1962 - December 6, 1979.
God put your arms around him
Keep him in your care
Make up for all he suffered
And all that was unfair.
He was someone very special
Who can never be replaced
His memory in our daily lives
Can never be erased
Time can not steal the memories
We carry in our hearts
Nor take away the happy years
Of which he was a part
We love you and miss you **Dad and Mom.**

WINTER, CECIL – Who passed away December 2, 2003.
Deep in our hearts there's a picture,
More precious than silver or gold.
'Tis a picture of our dear father,
Whose memory will never grow old.
Greatly missed by **Brent, Sally, Tim and Families.**

460 OBITUARIES

GODFREY, ISABELLA (Formerly of Wilberforce, Ontario) – At Hastings Centennial Manor, Bancroft on Monday evening, November 28, 2005 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Vincent Godfrey. Loving mother of Carl (Elizabeth) of Harcourt, Shirley (Mrs. Orville Johnston) of Perth & Sharon (Mrs. Don MacGregor) of Spanish. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Nicole, Lisa, Jason, Cheryl, Tracey, Kim, Jason and her great grandchildren Issac, Philip Brandon and Abby-Gail. Prececeased by her son William. Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209 on Tuesday morning, December 6, 2005 from 10 o'clock until time of the Memorial Service at 11 o'clock in the Chapel. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences may be made at www.communityfuneralhomes.com <http://www.communityfuneralhomes.com>
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McCALLUM, ERIC (Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario) – At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday afternoon, November 27, 2005 in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Mary McCallum. Loving father of Helen (Mrs. Murray Coburn) of Waterloo, Gillian (Mrs. John Fancett) of Orangeville, Margaret (Mrs. Dennis Smith), Judith both of Calgary and Ian of Florida. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Michael, Douglas, Richard, Brian, Maureen, Stephen, Brenda, Sarah, Andrew, Matthew, Rachel, John, Becky, Katie, Calvin and Jessica. Also lovingly remembered by his great grandchildren Kaitlin, Ryan, Emma. Brendan, Zachary, Xavier, Alexis, Emylee, Ethan, Evelyn, Tommy, Brianna, Justin, Keith, Andrew and Adam. Dear brother of Arthur and Douglas both of England. Predeceased by his sister Gladys. Friends are invited to call at St. George's Anglican Church, Mountain St., Haliburton, Ont. on Saturday morning, December 10, 2005 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences may be made at www.communityfuneralhomes.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209.
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McCALLUM, MARY (Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario) – At Hyland crest Nursing Home, Minden on Tuesday morning, November 29, 2005 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Eric McCallum who predeceased her on Sunday, November 27, 2005. Loving mother of Helen (Murray Coburn) of Waterloo, Gillian (John Fancett) of Orangeville, Margaret (Dennis Smith), Judith Anne both of Calgary and Ian of Florida. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Michael, Douglas, Richard, Brian, Maureen, Stephen, Brenda, Sarah, Andrew, Matthew, Rachel, John, Becky, Katie, Calvin, Jessica, and her great grandchildren Kaitlin, Ryan, Emma. Brendan, Zachary, Xavier, Alexis, Emylee, Ethan, Evelyn, Tommy, Brianna, Justin, Keith, Andrew & Adam. Dear sister of Kitty of England. Predeceased by her sister Agnes & Frank. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to call at St. George's Anglican Church, Mountain St., Haliburton, Ont. on Saturday morning, December 10, 2005 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences may be made at www.communityfuneralhomes.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209.
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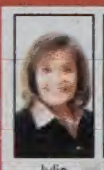

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INCOME PROPERTY HALIBURTON VILLAGE — $419,000

Building & land only. Busy commercial property offers the best in location in Haliburton Village across from Head Lake, municipal dock & public park. 6635' structure has 4 office or retail entrances at street level, 2-2 bdrm & 2-1 bdrm fully occupied apts. There are 14 parking spaces at street level & the rear of upper level.

COMMERCIAL HALIBURTON VILLAGE — $229,000

Exciting, enegetic & successful business opportunity in the heart of the Haliburton Highlands. Fully equipped & staffed computer sales/service, video rentals, internet café with 2 terminals & online games room business with XBox & PS2. Computer network & program instore & outcall service by highly qualified technician.

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HALIBURTON LAKE/SOUTH BAY — $319,000

Neat and clean, nice and bright 2 bdrm waterfront home or cottage. This turnkey property includes a Bunkie, garage, drilled well & septic. Private level lot with 147 feet of sand shoreline. Western exposure provides beautiful sunsets.

HALIBURTON HOME — $239,000

Ideal home for the tradesman. Centrally located between Haliburton and Minden. Large barn style garage with 2nd floor. 3 bdrms, full w/o bsmt, open concept living area, pine accents, tastefully decorated.

Bill Kulas*

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SWINSON ROAD — ASKING $124,900

Ideal starter or investment/rental home. Situated just off County Road #121, this 3 bedroom bungalow features an open concept kitchen and dining area, main floor family room and office/den. Nestled on a nicely treed and very private 3 acre lot, this home is presently vacant and available for immediate possession. Call Bill Kulas for more details today!

SHANAHAN TRAIL — $147,500

Spacious three bedroom bungalow with separate dining room and large living room. Basement features a guest bedroom and 3 pc. bath. Private corner lot only steps away from nice sand beach on Horseshoe Lake. Boat launch and scenic white water rapids nearby. Great country setting only minutes from Minden. Asking $147,500. Call Bill Kulas to view.

Ken Barry** & Deb Deremo*

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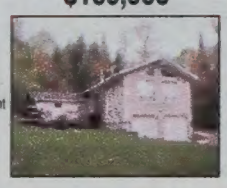
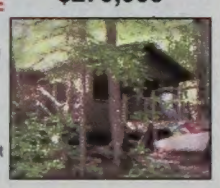
HIGHWAY 118 — $169,900

Tastefully decorated and remodeled 4 bdrm home within minutes of Haliburton Village. Bright LR with pine cathedral ceilings, master bdrm, w/wood burning FP & 2 pc ensuite, lrg entertainment deck & nice, level property. Many newer upgrades including windows, flooring, workshop, oil furnace & septic. A must see!



WATERFRONT COTTAGE — $279,900

3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5 lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove & attached sunroom. Detached bunkie to accommodate family & friends, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & south-west exposure compliment this perfect starter cottage.



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BIG KENNISIS LAKE — $765,000

Comtemporary yr-rnd cottage/home on Big Kennisis Lake. Gently sloping lot & rippling sand beach. 100 ft frontage & 0.83 acres w/SW exposure. Multi-level cottage w/full apt in w/o bsmt , FAO, central vac, pine interior w/unusual & attractive circular central walls, FP in open great room, 2 garages.

REDSTONE LAKE — $495,700

Brand new contemporary cottage/home w/screened porch, many windows, 1850 sq ft, finished in pine & hickory incl. the kitchen & hardwood floors. Master ensuite, Jacuzzi tub, cedar cathedral ceilings, stone FP, drilled well & FA heat. The full bsmt is partitioned with a w/o to the waterfront path. GST must be added, making it the best "new package" on Redstone Lake under $500,000

Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

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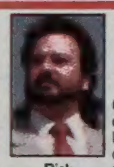
176 ACRE RETREAT — $599,000

Located minutes from the town of Haliburtion. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.



Rick Lowes*

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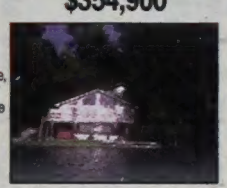
LOG HOME — $229,900

Custom built 3 bedroom home on 12 acres just minutes from Minden, loads of upgrades & extras, includes a detached 2 car garage & workshop.

KUSHOG LAKE — $354,900

Executive waterfront home/cottage, loads of features and upgrades includes hot tub, boats and more call now.



Fred Chapple*

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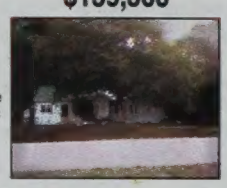
SWEET & COZY — $159,500

Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.



A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY — $124,900

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning – start your own home business.

Karen Nimigon*

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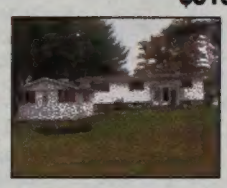
MOORE LAKE — $319,000

2+1 bdrm, 4 season WF home. Charmingly country w/wood walls & beamed cathedral ceilings. Well designed kitchen is a "Recipe For Success". Sunken living room with woodstove & w/o to deck. Spacious bdrms, main floor laundry, rec room, workshop and storage area, single car garage and 10x10 shed/workshop, cedar dock, sand shoreline, 3 lake chain. Close to Snowmobile trails.



Victor Disik*

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$99,900

IN TOWN MINDEN HOME

Very comfortable 2 bdrm single floor plan home w/garage. Cozy sunroom, fenced backyard with deck, upgraded windows, furnace, oil tank & roof tiles. Ask for Victor Disik.

Elizabeth Thompson*

457-1011 ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE — $219,000

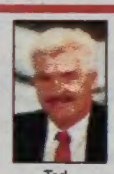
Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lge loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

Vince Duchene**

457-1011 ext. 225

NEW LISTING — $139,900

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished recroom with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



Ted Vasey*

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INGOLDSBY — NOW $169,000

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

BOSHKUNG LAKE — ASKING $349,000

Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.

Lenor Fulton * Tracy Ackerblade*

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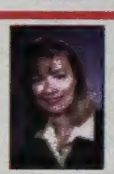
HORSESHOE LAKE — $379,900

Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/155 ft of lakefront. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

100 ACRES WITH BEAVER POND — $69,000

This 100 ac parcel features a mixed forest w/approx. 25 ac beaver pond and 10 acres of low lands. Hydro poles along the road. Please call Tracy or Lenor.



Melanie Vigrass*

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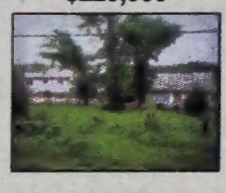
GELERT ROAD — $229,900

Great location between Haliburton & Minden. Well maintained 3 bdrm, 2 bath home features sunken living room w/hardwood floors & skylights, dining area w/bay window, fully finished w/o basement, detached garage and so much more! Call Melanie for full details.



NEW LISTING

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

$17,500/each

Linda Beachli***

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LOCATION — $275,000

Prime retail location in downtown Haliburton. Location offers 1,800 sq ft ready for the public and your business, with parking included.

IN TOWN HOME — $469,000

Imagine the Christmas tree lit in this warm, custom built home with the family together in front of the stone fireplace. 4 bdrms, decks & balconies to enjoy the 21 acres this home is nestled into.

Peter Brady**

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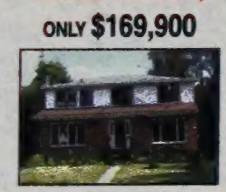
POWER OF SALE — ONLY $169,900

Triplex 2,800 sq ft. Large 2 bdrm main suite, 2-1 bdrm upper suites. Walk-out bsmt could be fourth income. More than one acre. Detached garage.



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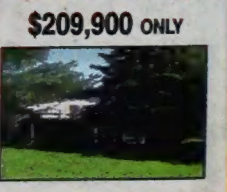
HALIBURTON DUPLEX — $209,900 ONLY

Great in town rental location. Excellent gross income. 9++% return. All new finishes.- -



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